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But Only for One Day

By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK — Burdened by big European losses and hillions of dollars in U.S. health care costs, Ford Motor Co. on Wednesday reported the largest annual loss in American corporate history, even though its production lines are the most efficient of

Detroit's Big Three.

Last year's loss of \$7.4 billion by the nation's No. 2 automaker will stand as a record for only one day. On Thursday, General Motors Corp. is due to announce a much larger last of about \$22 billion area. much larger loss, of about \$23 billion, composed almost entirely of a \$20-hillion charge for the future medical costs of its retired workers as part of a nationwide revision of accounting standards applying to all U.S.

This hlizzard of bookkeeping losses has hit the auto companies harder than many others because over the years they have negotiated extremely liberal health benefit packages for workers in place of pay increases, but did not accompany them with any method of controlling medical costs —a national and not just a corporate problem that is finally forcing government reform of the private U.S. health insurance system.

Ford says its employee medical costs of about \$800 a car are well below the industry average of about \$1,000, but they still cost the company more than its bill for steel.

Ford had to take a one-time retiree health care charge of \$7.5 billioo under the new Financial Standards Advisory Board Rule No. 106. It also gained \$657 million from a oew accounting for income taxes. Even after these adjustments, its worldwide automotive operations lost \$1.5 billion, an improvement

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of \$1.7 hillion from a loss of \$3.2 billion in 1991. But this was hardly anything to boast about when revenues jumped from \$88 billion to \$100 billion in one year and the most consistently profitable part of the husiness

was its financial services division.
U.S. operations lost \$405 million despite an 8 percent rise in U.S. factory sales. This was boosted by Ford's Taurus overtaking Japan's Honda Accord as the best-selling car in America, assisted by consumer re-bates averaging \$1,030 a car for all Ford models and up to \$3,500 for leases on the

"How could they increase factory sales throughout the year and still lose so much money? They still haven't figured out how to make money selling cars in the United States," said Maryann Keller, an auto indus-

try analyst with Furman Selz. She said the company spent about \$5 hillion designing and launching the new Mondeo, which debuts in Europe next month, as a belated successor to the mid-range Sierra, and remodeling its Escort and

"And they boasted about it," she said, noting that Chrysler spent only about \$1.3 hillion launching its successful LH range.

Ms. Keller added: "They don't know how

to launch a car in a reasonable amount of time and for a reasonable amount of money. They have plenty of good people hnt they don't know how to orchestrate them. Chrysler found out how to do it."

Ford's chairman, Harold A. Poling, said last year "was one of the most unusual years in our business" because of an uncertain See FORD, Page 13

\$7.4 Billion Ford Loss U.S. Plan for Peace in Balkans: Sets Corporate Record, Troops May Go to Police a Truce

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State War-ren M. Christopher outlined on Wednesday a six-step plan for ending ethnic warfare in Bos-nia-Herzegovina that included possible use of U.S. troops in an international peacekeeping

"This conflict may be far from our shores but it is certainly not distant from our concerns," he

Mr. Christopher named Reginald Bartholomew, a career foreign-service officer who is the U.S. ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, as special envoy to deal with the

Mr. Christopher said Mr. Bartholomew would go to Moscow to confer with President Boris N. Yeltsin before joining mediators at the

United Nations against Serbia, calls on all parties to stop the violence, seeks tighter enforcement of the UN no-flight zone, and insists that the only solution is in negotiations among Bosnia, Serbia and

The Clinton administration's approach to its first foreign policy crisis was vague on specifics, beyond throwing U.S. political weight into the international effort to stop further aggressive

action in the former Yugoslavia. But the U.S. stance will please allies by its threat of military action, if necessary, and by its careful attention to European capitals' partner-ship and its bid to win Russian support.

The internacional mediators Cyrus R. Vance and Lord Owen welcomed Washington's decision to "take an active role" in the peace process. They were particularly pleased with the U.S. commitment to help enforce any settle-ment, said their spokesman. Fred Eckhard.

In London, Prime Minister John Major said The plan also eightens economic sanctions in a statement that "the willingness of the U.S. to participate in the implementation of a fair and workable agreement will give confidence,

Mr. Christopher said lifting the arms embargo on Bosnia was considered hut rejected. "On balance we thought it was a step that would be unwise to take," he said.

Asked whether Washington had considered assisting the Bosnians with U.S. air power, Mr. Christopher said that option was ruled out because of objections by Britain, Canada and France, which all have ground troops in the former Yugoslavia.

But he said the United States would consult quickly with its allies on enforcing a han on military flights over Bosnia. The no-flight zone has been authorized by the United Nations but never enforced.

Raising the possibility that U.S. troops could become involved in the crisis, Mr. Christopher said the administration would be "prepared to do its share to help implement and enforce" a

particularly to the Bosnian Muslims, that a lasting settlement is now a real prospect." cease-fire agreement, "including possible U.S. military action."

He called it "premature to try to "alyze what kind of military power is necessary.

But Senator Richard G. Lugar, an Indiana Republican and a senior member of the Foreign Relacions Committee, said Mr. Christopher had told him that as many as 5,000 to 10,000 U.S. troops would join the estimated 40,000-member NATO force that would go to Bosnia under UN auspices once a new peace accord

Mr. Lugar said Mr. Christopher also told him that General Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had agreed to the plan. The secretary of state said that President Bill Clinton was seeking creation of a war-crimes tribunal to punish those responsible for atroc-

Mr. Clinton said earlier Wednesday that he See BALKANS, Page 2

Mr. Clinton at a cabinet meeting Wednesday with Defense Secretary Les Aspin, right, and Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, who later announced the Balkans policy.

The Pope's Plea to Sudan He Demands That Islamic Leaders End

Persecution and 'Harvest of Suffering'

New York Times Service

KHARTOUM, Sudan - Comparing the plight of his followers in Muslim-dominated Sudan to that of Jesus on the cross, Pope John Paul II demanded repeatedly Wednesday that this country's Islamic leaders cease religious persecution and end "the terrible harvest of suffering" among Christians trapped by civil war in the south.

His stark imagery and unequivocal insistence on minority rights and religious freedoms evoked centuries of conflict between Christians and Muslims in this region, which has become ever sharper as Sudan's leaders have aligned themselves with the forces of Islamic fundamentalism, particularly in Iran.

Indeed, the vision of the head of the world's biggest Christian church alighting here among robed and uniformed Islamic leaders seemed to symbolize the collision of faith that has molded part of history since the crusades and throughout the era of European colonialism in North Africa and the Middle East.

Today it is essential to recover the sense of mutual respect and cooperation in the service of the common good," the Pope said, "and in the frank and honest search for a just solution to the conflict which continues to reap such a terrible harvest of suffering."

The Pope spoke after landing here from Uganda for a nine-hour stopover at the end of his 10th African tour. "Rigorous respect for the right to religious freedom is a major source and foundation of peaceful coexistence," he said. Speaking later to priests and nuns at the Khartoum cathedral, he evoked the crucifixion,

saying that "in this part of Africa, I see clearly a particular reproduction of the mystery of Cal-vary in the lives of the majority of the Christian people." Calvary is the biolical site of the cruci-

Christians, the majority of them Roman escent outly a detectat of 2010 25 million people, concentrated along with many animists in the African south rather than the Arabic-speaking Muslim north of the cootinent's biggest country. For decades, north and south, thrown togeth-

er by British colonial frontiers, have fought bloody civil wars. But since General Omar Hassan Ahmad Bashir took power in Khartourn in a 1989 coup, the bloodshed has intensi fied as and the country's human rights record has worsened. There have been allegations by church and other monitoring groups of widespread torture, killing and religious persecu-Moreover, famine and war in the south have

sent hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing north to camps outside Khartoum where, the church says, they are subject to the Sharia, or Islamic law, that underpins General Bashir's fundamentalist-backed military regime and that the Pope has said must not be imposed on

Thousands upon thousands of Christians thronged Khartoum's streets to welcome the Pope and attend an open-air Mass, greeting him as their champion against the authorities.

Before the two men had a private meeting, the Pope told General Bashir publicly: "Minor-

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Europeans Welcome Washington's Role

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - While they claim a diplomatic success in getting the Bosnian factions to the peace table, European leaders recognize that the war has overwhelmed them and welcome the Clinton administration's decision to assume a direct role in containing the conflict in the former Yugoslavia, NATO and other Western officials said Wednesday.

'Instead of ducking," a British official said, "the new team apparently chose to engage, however cautiously, and that is probably going to be good for the U.S. role in Europe and for NATO's future."

The favorable reactions were tinged with concern that the U.S. initiative could end up delaying Western action, but the generally upbeat mood among officials in Europe on Wednesday was dominated by relief that Washington was taking over.

The initiative had to be welcome, a European official said, "because otherwise there was not a chance ultimately of getting the military involvement that may be needed and can only come under U.S.

European governments will be gratified by the U.S. presentation of its Bosnian initiative as a continuation of the United Nations media-

But the political reality, officials said, is that the Clinton administration is stamping its own approach on Western policy in the crisis, including U.S. insistence — conveyed in contacts with allied govern-- that any military intervencion will be commanded by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, even if it occurs under UN

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A Car Bomb Kills 14 in Colombia

Clinton Treads Lightly, Mindful Of Wary Public

By Paul F. Horvitz mational Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — Stepping into the Bosni-an thicket holds political peril for President Bill Clinton at home, but the cautious way he has set about it may postpone any negative public

Americans remain frustrated by the human tragedies that unfold daily in Bosnia. Yet with troops already on the front lines in Somalia, most Americans are not keen to see U.S. ground forces land in Sarajevo, recent surveys

The Pentagon leadership has openly voiced opposition to direct U.S. involvement in the

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Balkans. Moreover, Congress is divided into hawks and doves on how the United States

should proceed. This may help explain why Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, in announcing the new U.S. policy, avoided the mere mention of "ground troops." Instead, he declined to speci-fy what form of "military power" the United States was prepared to provide to belp enforce

any negotiated deal in Bosnia. Reacting to the announcement, Representative Lee H. Hamilton, an Indiana Democrat who heads the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said, "We have put the prestige and the credibility and the strength of the United Na-tions and the EC behind a negotiated settle-

But he cautioned that the United States was "not about to commit American forces on the

ground" to force a peace settlement. White House officials took pains Wednesday to characterize the new policy as prudent, judi-cious and carefully measured. Mr. Christopher argued that "past inaccoon" by the West, pre-sumably including the administration of President George Bush, had narrowed Mr. Clinton's

In one sense, the policy buys time for the United States and fulfills Mr. Clinton's promise to exercise American power first through negotiation and, whenever possible, within the context of such multilateral organizations as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or the United Nations. Some military analysts, however, viewed is as a first step toward certain U.S.

military intervention should talks fail. Mr. Clinton himself was on an airplane bound for a televised "town meeting" in Detroit as Mr. Christopher outlined what amounts

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New Freedom for the Bank of France Move May Allow Closer Monetary Links With Bundesbank

PARIS - The coming freedom of the French

central bank from government control will open up the possibility of new forms of European economic and monetary cooperation in the months ahead, according to analysts and offi-The French move became all hut certain

Wednesday after the major center-right opposition parties, which are expected to sweep to victory in parliamentary elections next month, formally enshrined the commitment in their election manifesto.

ted to an early grant of independence to the By freeing the central bank, France aims to

end doubts about its ability to run an inflation-

The governing Socialists are already commit-

free economy and establish the franc with the Deutsche mark as one of Europe's strongest currencies, analysts said.

The move will also free the Bank of France to explore closer relations with the fiercely independent Bundesbank, as well as other European central banks that might want to push ahead toward closer European cooperation. The Bundesbank has indicated that closer relations with the Bank of France are not possible as long as it remains under government control.

With the franc frequently under pressure in recent months, French officials have suggested that French-German monetary cooperation could quickly be oghtened to defend the cur-

Other officials have floated the idea that the

next steps to European economic and monetary union could be taken by a nucleus of central banks from strong currency countries, centered on France and Germany.

So far, German officials, both in the Bonn government and at the Bundesbank in Frank-furt, have been reluctant to be drawn into any firm commitment to closer cooperation with France. It is not clear whether the freeing of the Bank of France from government control would be enough by itself to make the Germans more responsive.

The timetable of all the major French political parties now indicates that legislation to free the bank from political control will be submit-

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BOGOTA (AP) - A car bomb exploded

Wednesday in an auto repair shop in Bar-

rancabermeja, Colombia, killing 14 people

and wounding 13, according to local radio.

The radio, citing police, said the bomb exploded on the outskirts of the oil port on

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Taiwan's president named the country's first "native" prime minister. Page 4. 1.4305

Washington.

Japan's foreign minister

will stress security ties in Page 4. Page 18.

Tory backbenchers bang

the drum for a revolt on

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A British insurer made a big stock issue. Page 13. Weather

the Magdalena River, about 150 miles north of Bogotá. The car apparently had broken down, and the terrorists took it to be fixed at

the auto shop. The terrorists later called to

warn the workers to leave, but the employ

ees did not have time to flee, the report said.

'Lorenzo's Oil' makes a

nice film, but it's not medi-

Bonn foresces a "longer

downswing." Page 11.

So the Mean, Hostile, Sour and Angry Die Young? Don't Bet on It University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, who also has been

By Natalie Angier

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Chronic hostility and a cynical, suspicious temperament, while surely making life a sour enterprise, may not be the terrible health hazards that many

scientists believe, a new study suggests.
Researchers at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, who examined the 20-year medical histories of 620 patients found that those people who scored oo the high end of a classic psychological test measuring hostility did not have a greater risk of heart disease than others of their age and sex.

The findings were in strong contrast to many studies linking hostility and explosive anger to a heightened risk of

Several other reports also have failed to find a relation-

ers very likely have a long way to go in their understanding of how mood and behavior affect health.

"As a psychiatrist, I'm the first to believe that psychological factors contribute to any disease," said Dr. Toshinko Maruta, a psychiatrist at the Mayo Clinic and lead anthor of the new report. "At the same time, I'm suspicious of definitive claims of this or that personality type being more likely to develop this or that disease. The human mind is

much more complex than that." The study appears in the current issue of The Mayo

whelming. They said the latest report was too hobbled with caveats and qualifications to influence their judgment on

They pointed out that large studies following hundreds of doctors, lawyers, college students and others over decades have associated chronic hostility and surliness with elevated

cholesterol levels, hardened arteries, high blood pressure, heart attacks, strokes and other physical troubles.

"This latest paper is very difficult to interpret, and I don't think it significantly changes the weight of evidence at the moment," said Dr. John C. Barefoot of the Behavioral Medicine Receich Contract of Dr. John C. Barefoot of the Behavioral Medicine Research Center at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. "We can't expect every study to show a link between hostility and health, even when the hypothesis is a sound one."

editorial accompanying the latest report. Gloria R. Leon, director of clinical psychology at the

cardiac ailments, said the new study demonstrated again that scientists had yet to come up with a sound and reproducible way of identifying such traits as hostility and cynicism, let alone of using those traits as harbingers of "Something like hostility has a lot of intuitive appeal as a

unable to detect any link between high hostility scores and

risk factor for disease, and it seems like it should work," she said. "But the fact that there is a significant body of negative studies around now means hostility as measured by these tests is oot a robust predictor of the later development of heart disease.

In the oew analysis, the Mayo researchers looked at the

early death from heart disease and other illnesses.

ship between hostility and disease, indicating that research-

But other scientists insisted that the evidence in favor of a relationship between hostility and heart disease was over-

Dr. Barefoot, who has conducted research into how hostility and suspiciousness influence health, wrote an

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LONDON — The former Conservative Party chairman Norman Tebbit fanned a rebellion Wednesday among Tory backbench members of Parliament over the Maastricht treaty, urging colleagues to support the opposition on a key vote in an attempt to derail the EC

Those who are fighting to preserve self-government for Britain are well entitled to use every proce-dural device to destroy the treaty." Lord Tebbit told

But a senior government official played down the threat to the treaty, saying Prime Minister John Major expected to win an upcoming vote which, if lost, would throw the ratification process into disarray both in Britain and in the European Community as a whole.

But several Conservative Party opponents of the treaty, which sets a course for closer European political and monetary union, said they would vote with the Labor opposition on an amendment to the ratification

Lord Tebbit said, "Frankly, as any amendment would wreck the treaty, I would cheerfully vote for one saying that the moon was made of blue cheese if it had chance of being carried."

The government has a majority of just 21 in the 651seat Parliament. In November, it won a vote on the treaty by three votes after Mr. Major made it clear that he was pinning his political future on the result.

Analysts said defeat would be a serious political

"We cannot ratify a treaty other than the one we negotiated," Mr. Hurd said in a radio interview. He unraveled if the amendment passed. added that the government would not accede to a blow to the prime minister, who has invested enor-

stand clear, the government hoped to contain the

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd warned Wednes-

day that Britain would not ratify the treaty if the

Conservative government were defeated on the key

debate for several weeks, seeks to cancel Britain's opt-

The amendment, which is not likely to come up for

mutiny by threats and persuasion.

clause of the ratification bill.

"There is no question of the government being mous personal prestige in getting the Maastricht actreaty that could be "destructive to British jobs." defeated on this," the official said.

Britain and Denmark are the only FC states that Britain and Denmark are the only EC states that With only a handful of rebels having made their

have not yet ratified the treaty, agreed in December 1991, because of domestic opposition.

Mr. Major bas said he plans to see the document approved before the end of this Parliamentary session,

which ends in November. The Labor Party, which strongly backs the treaty, said its move was aimed not at blocking the accord but

rather at getting Britain to embrace its full provisions. Labor leaders said they were confident that other out of the treaty's Social Charter, which extends the states would welcome any reversal of Britain's opt-out scope for joint legislation on social and working and that there would be no need for a disruptive reratification of the treaty by other EC states.

(UPI, Reuters, AP)

Secretary of State **Explains the Policy**

pher's declaration Wednesday on U.S. policy in the former Yugosla-

This conflict may be far from our shores, but it is certainly not distant from our concerns. We cannot afford to ignore it, and let me ex-

plain wby.

We cannot ignore the buman toll. Serbian ethnic cleansing has been pursued through mass murders, systematic beatings, and the rapes of Muslims and others, prolonged shellings of innocents in Sa-rajevo and elsewhere, forced displacement of entire villages, inhumane treatment of prisoners in detention camps, the blockading of relief to the sick and starving civilians. Atrocities have been committed by others as well.

Our conscience revolts at the idea of passively accepting such

brutality. Beyond these bumanitarian con-cerns we have direct strategic concerns as well. The continuing destruction of a new United Nations member challenges the principle that internationally recognized borders should not be altered by

In addition, this conflict itself has no natural borders. It threatens to spill over into new regions, such as Kosovo and Macedonia. It could then become a greater Balkan war like those that preceded World War I. Broader bostilities could tough additional nations such as Greece and Turkey and Albania. The river of fleeing refugees which has already reached the bundreds of thousands would swell even more.

The political and economic vigor of Europe, already severely tested by the integration of the former Communist states would be further

There is also a broader imperathe violence in the former Yugoslavia is an early and crucial test of how it will address the concerns of the ethnic and religious minorities in the post-Cold War period. That question reaches throughout Eastern Europe. It reaches the states of the former Soviet Union where the fall of communism has left some 25 million ethnic Russians living as minorities and other republics, and it reaches to other continents as

That is why President Clinton has decided to take the following

First, the president decided the United States will actively engage in the Vance-Owen negotiations bringing the full weight of American diplomacy to bear

Now, in order to ensure the most effective possible communication between us. President Clinton has today named one of our top diplo-

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believed the American public would support

"I think they want us to do more, but they

The White House said the proposal would

"build on" a plan formulated by Mr. Vance

want us to do it in a prudent way." he said.

Following are excerpts from Sec-retary of State Warren M. Christo-to these talks. Ambassador Reginald Bartholomew will be that en-

Through Ambassador Bartholomew's efforts, working with Secre-tary Vance and Lord Owen, and through other means, the United States will explore creative solutions to the conflict that we hope all

Second, the president is communicating to the Bosnians, Serbs, and Croatians that the only way to end this conflict is through negotiation. No settlement can be imposed upon the parties both on grounds of principle and on grounds that an imposed settlement would be far more difficult to sustain than one that the parties have voluntarily

Third, the president will take ac-tions to tighten the enforcement of economic sanctions, increase political pressure on Serbia and deter Serbia from widening the war. We've informed the Serbians that we plan to raise the economic and political price for aggression. We will work with our allies, the Russians and others, to achieve that

We remain prepared to respond against the Serbians in the event of a conflict in Kosovo caused by Ser-bian action, and, in addition, we will work to strengthen the interna-

tional presence in Macedonia. Fourth, the president is taking stens to reduce the suffering and bloodshed as the negotiations proceed. He's calling on all parties to stop the shelling and other violence. He has communicated to all concerned that the no-fly zone over Bosnia should be enforced under the UN resolution. He has urged that humanitarian aid be allowed to flow to those in need. And we are considering further actions to pro-

mote greater delivery of this aid. . . The president is also seeking the creation of a war crimes tribunal at the United Nations to bring justice

and to deter further atrocities. Fifth, the president has taken steps to make clear to all concerned that the United States is prepared to do its share to help implement and enforce an agreement that is

acceptable to all parties. If there is a viable agreement containing enforcement provisions, the United States would be prepared to join with the United Nations, NATO, and others, in implementing and enforcing it, including possible U.S. military action...

Sixth, and finally, the president bas consulted widely with our friends and allies on these actions....

He is also sending Ambassador Bartholomew to Moscow to discuss our approach before the ambassador returns to New York to participate in the negotiations.



Bosnian soldiers taking partial cover behind cars Wednesday as they crossed a road in Sarajevo, on guard against Serbian snipers.

High Toll Cited in Muslim-Serb Clash in East Bosnia

BELGRADE - Battles between Serbian rebels and Muslim forces in eastern Bosnia-Her-zegovina were reported Wednesday to have exacted a heavy burnan toll in 24 hours of

Radio reports from the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, said that 54 people had been killed and 109 wounded in fighting in the Drina River basin near the towns of Srebrenica and Zvor-

Serbian rebels there are attempting to drive Muslim fighters loyal to the Bosnian government away from a major road leading between Serbia and Serb-held swaths of the Bosnian

Serbian officials asserted that the Muslim

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auspices. A second new priority, the officials said, was the U.S. em-

phasis on action to stop the blood-

shed in Bosnia as part of an overall

approach aimed at containing the

conflict throughout the former Yu-

goslavia, especially in Kosovo and other border areas liable to explode

The Clinton administration's

point man - Reginald Bartholo-

mew, currently ambassador to NATO — will visit Moscow imme-

diately to press the U.S. view that

the ethnic fighting in the former

Yugoslavia must not be allowed to

become a precedent that could

beighten ethnic tensions in the for-

Mr. Bartholomew - wbo previ-

into wider Balkan war.

mer Soviet Union.

forces had floated a pair of barges loaded with explosives down the Drina River toward Serbheld areas, but that no one was wounded when.

Random shelling and sniper fire was reported in the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, and artillery classes crupted in northern Bosnia, where Croatian and Muslim forces daily harass traffic plying a narrow land corridor linking Serbia and Serbian strongholds around the town of Banja Luka, as well as Serb-beld districts in

Fighting for the central Bosnian town of Gornji Vakuf reportedly intensified between Croatian and mostly Muslim forces loyal to the Sarajevo government, which favors maintaining the country's territorial integrity.

EUROPE: Direct U.S. Role in Ending Yugoslav Conflict Is Welcomed

ously worked closely with the Yelt-sin government on military cooper-

ation - will have to soften Russian,

suspicions that Western policy is

directed at punishing the Serbs, tra-

This wider focus on regional sta-

bility was central to the Clinton

administration's presentation of its

willingness to engage in a situation

that has worsened steadily in recent

The U.S. "break with the Vance-

Owen plan is not over Bosnia," a

Western policymaker said. "There

U.S. policy is bound to be more of

the same because there is not that

The key change, be said, is the

Clinton administration shift away

from the view, prevalent in Con-

much you can do."

ditional allies of Russia.

The Croats and Muslims of Bosnia were once allied against the Serbian forces that have carved away about two-thirds of the country's territory since starting the war last April, soon after Bosnia's recognition as an independent

But a simmering territorial conflict between the Croats and Muslims exploded in serious violence last month after United Nations mediators released a map outlining a proposed reorganization of Bosnia-Herzegovina into 10 auonomous provinces.

The proposed map left the Gornji Vakuf district, whose population is 55 percent Muslim, in a Croat-dominated province, and Croatian forces have moved to disarm Muslim fighters who refuse to fall in under the Croats' authority.

NATO has completed its own

plans for enforcing a no-flight zone in Bosnia, most officials have con-

cluded that ground forces will

By insisting that any interven-tion must be commanded by NATO, the Clinton administration

bas started oailing down the alli-ance's new peacekeeping role, re-cently accepted by all NATO gov-ernments at U.S. urging. It would

expand NATO operations for the first time beyond member coun-

tries' borders into Eastern and

Even France, which fears that

Manpower constraints make the United States indispensable to any

NATO could block the growth of

European military cooperation, ac-

major military action. Even the

plan worked out by Cyrus R.

Vance, representing the United Nations, and Lord Owen, repre-

senting the European Community,

entails a significant role for UN

eventually be needed.

Central Europe.

cepted the plan.

gress, that the Yugoslav fighting should be handled by Europeans, with only limited U.S. help.

officials said, the emphasis has been almost entirely on contingencies involving Kosovo. While

Italy Minister Quits Under Suspicion ROME (Reuters) - Justice Minister Claudio Martelli resigned ou

WORLD BRIEFS

TOKYO (NYT) - In a standoff with North Korea over its suspected

nuclear bomb project, the International Atomic Energy Agency has decided to issue an unusual demand that the country immediately open.

two buildings to inspection or face possible United Nations sanctions.

The action marks the first time that the agency, a United Nations-

affiliate, has ever invoked an extraordinary procedure called a "special

inspection" to compel the opening of a site that a state has not declared as

The agency is acting on Western intelligence reports suggesting that the agency is acting on Western intelligence reports suggesting that the agency is acting on Western intelligence of plutonium manufactures wastes that could contain critical evidence of plutonium manufactures.

facturing are stored in two buildings near Yongbyon, a secret complex

about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, the capital. Last week, inspectors attempting to take samples of the waste were once again barred from

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) - Critics on both sides of the euthanasi

issue on Wednesday attacked the new law giving the Netherlands the

The law, passed by parliament on Tuesday, allows enthanasia inder-strict conditions, although it remains technically illegal. Rob Dellmann of

the Royal Dutch Medical Association called the measure "a step forward," but he said it was a "problem that cuthanasia remains in the

The Vatican condemned the measure as a step down a "very dangerous road." Dutch Christian groups were appalled that euthanasia, although long tolerated by the courts, won official sanction. Pit Bakker of a Dutch group called Right-To-Dic said the law would deprive patients of full choice, because doctors still faced criminal charges in some cases.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The police are investigating a possible connection between a Pakistani national who is being sought in the shooting deaths of two Central Intelligence Agency employees and the 1984 assassination of a Pakistani politician, officials said Wednesday. Investigators are studying diaries and letters found in the apartment that the Pakistani, Mir Aimal Kansi, had occupied in Reston, Vispinia, the officials said. Mr. Kansi has not been seen since Jan. 25, the day a partner willed the agency's headquarters.

gunman killed two CIA employees outside the agency's headquarters.

Swiss Politician Is Blackmailed

A spokesman said investigators were trying to determine whether Mr. Kansi had had any connection with Malik Gul Hasan Kansi, a Pakistani politician who was killed in Quetta, a provincial capital, in 1984.

ZURICH (Reuters) — A contest for the post of Swiss foreign minister has been thrown open after the leading candidate, the

Socialist deputy Christine Brunner, was hit by threats to publish

nude photographs of her. An anonymous "Committee to Save the

Morals of Our Institutions," which made the threat in a letter, also alleged that she had bad an illegal abortion.

Mrs. Brunner ruled out the existence of any photograph that could compromise her, and refused to confirm or deny the charge of an

illegal abortion, calling this a grave invasion of a woman's privacy.

"I consider the matter of whether a woman has ever ended a

pregnancy, for whatever reason, is in no way relevant for the question of whether a woman is suitable or not for the office of

Pakistani Is Linked to CIA Slayings

Both Sides Assail Euthanasia Law

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North Korea Gets a UN Ultimatum

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criminal code."

Wednesday, shortly after being told he was under investigation on corruption charges. He denied any wrongdoing.

Press reports Wednesday linked Mr. Martelli to a Swiss bank account allegedly used as a conduit for bribes paid to the Socialist Party. Mr.

Martelli, 49, had presented himself as a scrupulous politician in a bid to replace former Prime Minister Bettino Craxi as Socialist Party leader, but on Wednesday be also resigned from the party. "If I look back on the last 13 years, I cannot find anything dishonest to reproach myself," Mr. Martelli said. He said he would be able to prove his innocence.

Correction

government minister," she said.

-An article in Feb. 2 editions misstated Sir Leon Brittan's post with the European Community. He is the commissioner for economic affairs.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Kohl Backs Away From Toll Plan

BONN (Reuters) — The German government, pounded by criticism over plans to introduce tolls on the autobahns, said Wednesday that no decision had been made on bow much the tolls would be or when they

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's spokesman, Dieter Vogel, denied news-reports that Bonn had decided to start charging motorists using the German freeway system next year as part of a plan to turn the state-run system private. Of those reports and others saying a fee scale of 100 to 400 Deutsche marks (\$60 to \$240) annually had been set, Mr. Vogel said.

The things you are hearing now will in general not turn out to be true."
He said Mr. Kohl's conservative coalition government was committed to privatizing the autobahn network but was still considering steps toward that goal, including a possible fee for passenger cars.

All travelers leaving Kenya will be required to show proof of vaccination against yellow fever due to an outbreak of the disease, the Health Ministry said in Nairobi.

Dense fog in northern Italy tied up the country's air traffic Wednesday. Flights to Turin were routed to Milan, and flights to Verona were sent to Bologna.

Russian airlines carried almost one-quarter fewer passengers last year than in 1991. Interfax news agency said Wednesday. Aeroflot and other companies carried 62.6 million passengers last year, 23 percent less than

been made on whether U.S. ground troops and Lord Owen, which called for establisbwould be part of such a peacekeeping operacount for more than 40 percent of the former Moscow historically has had close ties. 6 Studies Reject there were going to have to be troops involved, but nobody wanting 10 largely autonomous zones in Bosnia. Yugoslav republic's population. Mr. Bar-tholomew evidently would bave the author-administration and the Western allies for tion, and under no circumstances would they Mr. Clinton's chief of staff. Thomas F. McLarty, said the United States would "be be sent unilaterally. Lord Owen, appearing on a U.S. television program, estimated that 25,000 peacekeepers ed to say it out loud." There were ity to make alterations that might be more allegedly missing earlier opportunities to en-acceptable to the beleaguered Muslims. allegedly missing earlier opportunities to en-force peace in the former Yugoslavia. very judicious" about any use of U.S. troops. fears that a public debate about military implications would hurt

(Continued from page 1)

to the administration's first major foreign policy decision. The policy was presented on a day that Mr. Clinton also unveiled plans to cut waste in the federal government. Whether by design or not, the effect was to

distance Mr. Clinton not only from direct involvement in the complex and bitter dispute in Bosnia, but from appearing to be diverted by foreign matters from his selfproclaimed priority, the domestic economy. In fact, he was making calls Wednesday

morning to President Boris N. Yeltsin and other foreign leaders to alert them to his Before Mr. Christopher's announcement, the president said he was "trying to find a

way to do more and to do it with the support

of our allies, including the United Nations." Asked whether his policy would enjoy public support, Mr. Clinton responded, "I think they want us to do more and want us to do it in a prudent way, and I think they will

intention of injecting U.S. troops into the

conflict. The officials said that troops might

be used in a peacekeeping role, but only as part of a UN or NATO force.

The officials also said no decision had

support this policy." The White House chief of staff, Thomas F. McLarty, called the president's policy "very"

Thomas Mann, director of governmental studies at the Brookings Institution, said the White House was "proceeding rather cau-

tiously In his view, Mr. Clinton "viscerally" wants to bomb Serbia but has entrusted Mr. Christopher with the task of pursuing diplomacy

He predicted that the new policy would

POLICY: Clinton Is Taking Cautious Steps Into the Bosnian Thicket "not elicit great controversy" in Congress Some lawmakers have long felt that Mr. Bush was too timid in the face of reported

atrocities and "ethnic cleansing" in the Bal-

Others, while denouncing what they Yet we must now address the situation as it viewed as Serbian aggression, bave demand- is, and we're resolved to do so." ed that European nations lead the way and Mr. Eckhard, the spokesman for Mr. that the use of U.S. or NATO air power Vance and Lord Owen, said the envoys against Serbia would be preferable to ground would "go out of their way" to make avail-forces. would "go out of their way" to make avail-able to Mr. Bartholomew "all the informa-

During the election campaign, it was Mr. Meanwhile, Mr. Eckard said, Mr. Vance Clinton who took the more aggressive view, and Lord Owen would continue to keep the denouncing "ethnic cleansing" and saving pressure on for an early agreement on a the United States should consider the use of comprehensive settlement "in the context of air power to ensure the delivery of bumani- the discussions already under way in the

BALKANS: Clinton's Plan to Bring Peace to Bosnia Includes Possible Use of U.S. Troops Senior U.S. officials, who asked not to be identified, stressed that Mr. Clinton had oo Americans.

The U.S. initiative is the product of a three-week review by the president and his "It is an initiative by President Clinton to senior foreign-policy advisers.

Initially, Washington still pub-

lidy envisages committing U.S. ground troops only for the purpose

of administering a peace plan once

the warring parties accept an ac-

But the new U.S. political in-

volvement, officials said, could give

more credibility to warnings from

Washington that the United States

would be prepared to use military

force to prevent a war in Kosovo, a

If fighting broke out there, it might quickly pull in other coun-

tries, including Turkey, a NATO

In U.S. military planning, allied

Serb-controlled province.

engage the United States directly and aggresarively in trying to bring about peace." an new Security Council resolution to threaten force against Serbian violators but could not Mr. Clinton last week called the Vance-owen plan unfair to the Muslims, who ac-

force peace in the former Yugoslavia.
"Over the last two years the states of the

former Yugoslavia have descended into a dark period of terror and bloodshed," be said. "During that period, the West bas missed repeated opportunities to engage in early and effective ways that might have prevented the conflict from deepening. "Because these actions were not taken." he

added, "we face a much more intractable situation with vastly more difficult options.

tion at their disposal.

peacekeeping forces that was pub-licly played down by its supporters. A Western official said Wednesday that policymakers "knew that

the plan's chances of winning acceptance by the Bosnian factions. Policymakers in Washington were kept largely in the dark about the UN plan, this official said, apparently because its architects hoped that the proposals would ac-

quire enough momentum to oblige the Clinton administration to jump on the bandwagon of support. Speaking on American television on Wednesday. Lord Owen called for the United States to supply 5.000 troops out of a total force of

25,000 that be said would be needed to administer the UN plan. But U.S. officials dismissed these figures as unrealistically low, adding that Defense Department planners would not allow American

troops to operate at low strengths that exposed them unnecessarily to

Zimbabwe to Free 6,000

HARARE, Zimbabwe - Zimbabwe plans to free about 6,000 convicts in the next twn weeks to ease prison congestion, Justice Minister Emmerson Mnangagwa

Crane Collapses in Moscow

The Associated Press MOSCOW - A construction crane collapsed in central Moscow, killing a pedestrian and injuring three others, the police said

'New AIDS' Reports

BOSTON — A mysterious outbreak of an AIDS-like illness that created an uproar last summer probably has many causes and almost certainly does not result from a single new virus, several studies

The studies suggest that what was then suspected to be a new disease is actually a mix of several illnesses that resemble one another, have been around a long time and are not contagious.

"When you look at the clinical, epidemiological and laboratory results, one doesn't see a consistent pattern," said Dr. David Ho.

head of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York That suggests perhaps this whole syndrome is composed of patients with different causes.

The illness came to light in July at the International Conference on AIDS in Amsterdam, where it was the primary topic. Several researchers at the meeting spoke of patients who had shown many of the characteristics of AIDS victims but were not

infected with the buman immunodeficiency virus that causes the incurable syndrome. The most common of those characteristics was an unusually low level of CD4 cells or "helper cells," which orchestrate the body's defenses against infection.

The cases raised the possibility that some unidentified virus was causing a new form of AIDS.

Since then, the condition has acquired a name — idiopathic CD4 T-lymphocytopenia, or ICL —and has been the subject of intensive laboratory study. As one result, six reports on it by researchers. appear in Thursday's edition of the New England Journal of Medi-

"The cases represent a hodgepodge of different clinical and immunological entities," said Dr. Scott D. Holmberg of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, co-author of one of the studies. "We are not talking about just one disease."

Other conclusions reached by the researchers include the follow-

• The condition is rare. Only 111 cases have been reported, and the Centers for Disease Control found just two when it reviewed 230.179 cases in its AIDS files.

 It is not contagious. Spouses and acquaintances of victims have not caught it, and it does not seem to spread through blood transfusions.

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By Thomas L. Friedman ered, by first class whenever my

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ficers Wednesday to slash 100,000

To implement the proposed cut-backs, Mr. Clinton signed three ex-

tionary of Occupational Titles.

If all of the reductions are implemented, Mr. Clinton claimed it would save \$9 billion over four years. But he provided oo docu-Budget for details.

The job cutbacks, which Mr. coming from senior management Clinton said would be accompositions. plished through attrition and not staff by 25 percent.

Together, the moves are meant through attrition.

to both fulfill campaign promises and prepare the political ground leave government service, either to for the economic recovery propos- retire or move into private sector als Mr. Clinton plans to introduce jobs, and the plan would be not to to Congress next Wednesday.

Those proposals are expected to

include substantial tax increases for upper-income Americans, as well as further spending cuts. But before the president moves in that direction, he is clearly trying to Clinton's four-year term. demonstrate that he is putting his

welcomed the move in public, mal Learning and Behavior, which many expressed privately the con-together cost about \$150 million a cern that in his in zeal to fulfill his year campaign promises, Mr. Clinton may be imposing administrative The president cutbacks on his departments that day also would: lead to a different sort of gridlock: where agencies cannot perform up chauffeur-driven limousines for to standard because clerical employees are being dropped, where needed for national security reastaff reductions are not implemented with a coherent plan, and where

further reduced in oumbers. Mr. Clinton announced the belttightening moves during a cabinet meeting, after which different aircraft for nongovernment purmembers of the team were asked to poses. take the podium and explain where they were cutting their own departments.

Asserting that the perquisites and privileges for government officials had grown during the 12-year

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton ordered his cabinet of ficers Wednesday to slash 100,000 jobs from the federal management the proposed cut-

over the next four years, cut back ecutive orders.

"The people," he said, "demand obscure government commissions as the Advisory Panel for the Dic-

The first executive order requires mentation to back up that number, cabinet and agency heads to cut the and reporters were referred instead 2.1 million-member civilian federal to the Office of Management and work force by 100,000 hy the end of 1995, with 10 percent of the cuts

The reductions are supposed to layoffs, came in the wake of his be spread throughout all federal announcement Tuesday that he agencies -- although oo clear plan was shrinking his White House to do that was presented Wednesday - and accomplished primarily

> fill many of these vacancies. The second executive order calls

The third order abolishes useless

own administration on a diet first. government boards and agencies,
While Congressional leaders such as the Advisory Panel for Am-

The Associated Press reported: The president's action Wednes-

Eliminate home-to-work use of

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Labor Secretary Robert B. rule of Presidents Ronald Reagan Reich, who is very short, broke up and George Bush, Mr. Clinton the room when be declared: "My said, "That era has come to an end predecessor was traveling, I discov- with our coming to office."



PRACTICING RIOT CONTROL IN LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles police officers training with nightsticks. The aim of the exercise is to keep crowds away while arrests are being made. More than 7,000 police officers in the city are undergoing training in mass arrests, citizen rescues and the use of tear gas, following rioting last spring in which more than 50 people were killed and 2,300 injured.

Powell to Stay On if 'President Wishes'

WASHINGTON — General Colin L. Powell said Wednesday that he may choose to retire as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff before his term ends later this year, but he insisted that he was in no way "unhappy, disgruntled" with President Bill Clinton's military policies. Then it appeared that General Powell might remain on the joh after all, staying until Sept.

30, when his term is up.

The White House press secretary, Dee Dee Myers, said that Mr. Chnton wanted the general to serve out his term. General Powell seemed amenable. In an interview with CNN - his third television appearance of the day — the general said he had not heard that Mr. Clinton wanted him to remain. Bot he said, "I will stay for whatever period of term that the president

The question of Mr. Clinton's asking General Powell to stay had oot come up in the earlier interviews.

General Powell's series of public appearances was prompted by a New York Times report that said the general's eagerness to leave before the end of his second term as chairman was due to conflicts with the new administra-

Citing the general's friends and associates,

The Times said his desire to retire early had been reinforced by a series of extraordinary public disagreements between the Joint Chiefs and the president over homosexuals in the military and reductions in military spending and

troop levels.

Mr. Clinton wants to cut military spending by \$60 billion more than his predecessor, George Bush, had recommended by 1997 and to cut troop strength by 200,000 more than General Powell favors.

While General Powell will have to testify on the next Pentagon budget in April and May, associates and friends said he was more concerned about having to testify this summer about long-term spending plans, The Times

There's oo questioo Colin will be confronted repeatedly with having to carry out new policy guidance that may be at odds with his previous public positions," a close associate said. "He's the consummate good soldier, but he'll have a lot of congressmen asking why he is recanting his earlier positions. He'll get tired of that real fast."

In an interview with ABC, General Powell, speaking from the Pentagon, said, "There's oobody over here in a blue funk, thinking the whole world has dropped on us."

And in an uousual statement during the interview that was prompted by no related question, he said in reference to the president's order to write guidelines dropping the ban on homosexuals in the armed forces: "We are oot being insubordinate.

Speaking with NBC, he referred to a meeting that the chiefs had had with Mr. Clinton last

month oo lifting the han.

"We discharged our proper obligation to the nation and to the president by giving the president our best military advice on this subject,"

The four-star geoeral told CNN: "We shouldn't let the impression be created around the country that somehow we are fighting the president on this issue."

He said that he had a "fine relationship" with

Mr. Clintoo and that the kinds of reductions sought by the president and Secretary of De-fense Les Aspin "do oot go to the point of breaking the force."

General Powell said be still had reservations about homosexuals in the military, but stressed: "In my culture, not to have told the president io candid and direct terms what the feelings were of military leaders and of the troops out there -- that would have been insub-

* POLITICAL NOTES*

Miami Prosecutor Tops List for Justice Post WASHINGTON - Still laboring after two embarrassing public

fumbles to find a woman to nominate as attorney general, President Bill Clinton has added a leading prosecutor to the list of those under

Dee Dee Myers, the White House press secretary, said Wednesday that she did not expect an announcement on an attorney general

"today or tomorrow."

Mr. Clinton met Tuesday evening with Janet Reno, 54, the state attorney for Dade County, Plorida, White House officials said. Miss Reno flew to Washington from Miami for the interview.

Mr. Clinton called Senator Boh Graham, Democrat of Florida, late Sunday to ask about Miss Reno, said Mary Byrne, the senator's press secretary. Mr. Clinton "told the senator he was considering Janet Reno and Senator Graham said she would be an excellent selection," the spokeswoman said.

selection," the spokeswoman said.

A senior official cautioned that other candidates remained under consideration for the position. Mr. Clinton's first two choices for the post, Zoë Baird and Judge Kimba M. Wood, were forced to withdraw because they had hired illegal immigrants to care for their children. But those who support Miss Reno noted that she had one immediate advantage: Because she has oever been married and has no children, she has oo "nanny problem."

Sources close to Miss Reno said she had been contacted by the administration before the Baird commation and again before Mr. Clinton came close to nominating Judge Wood. They said that after the judge's withdrawal on Friday, the interest intensified.

A graduate of Cornell University and Harvard Law School, Miss Reno has for the past 15 years headed one of the largest state prosecutor offices in the United States, giving her extensive experience prosecuting public corruption and narcotics cases, among other things.

(NYT, WP, AP)

Quote/Unquote:

Thomas F. McLarty, the chief of staff, commenting on President Bill Clinton's decision to cut 350 White House personnel: "This is

Away From Politics

 Twenty-eight midshipmen could face expulsion in the U.S. Naval Academy's largest cheating incident since 1974, said Commander Mike John, a spokesman for the academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He said an investigation produced evidence that the midshipmen may have cheated on an electrical engineering exam last year.

 The Yukon government sent a wildlife team to shoot 150 wolves in a large area west of Whitehorse, the territorial capital, despite criticism from world environmental and animal-rights groups.

 An AIDS patient committed fraud when she hid her coodition from a health-care worker who was treating her, a jury in Los Angeles decided. The jury awarded Diane Boulais, a surgical worker who was accidentally cut by a scalpel, \$102,500 in her case against Jan Lustig. who was diagnosed with AIDS in 1987 but failed to disclose that when she had breast-reduction surgery in 1991.

 An American sailor charged with beating a gay shipmate to death entered no plea at the first hearing in his case in Tokyo, as the navy disclosed that the defendant said he bad been fending off an unwelcome sexual advance from the victim.

• The Virginia Senate endorsed a compromise plan to limit most sales of handguns to ooe a month. The House backed a stricter plan. The New York City Board of Education voted, 4 to 3, to remove Joseph Fernandez, the board's chancellor, who insisted that condoms be available in high schools and supported a plan to teach firstyear elementary schoolchildren to be tolerant of homosexuals. Mr. Fernandez will stay in office until June 30. AP. Remers, LAT. NYT. WP

Hunt for an Attorney General: The Task Is Dogging Clinton

By Ruth Marcus and Dan Balz

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — It was May 1 22 and Bill Clintoo was campaigning in Livingston. New Jersey, trying to bolster support among wom-

en.
"In terms of what I would do in
my cabinet, I don't believe there should be any women's positions," he said. "I believe women should he considered for all positions." But after the election, as Mr.

Clintoo began filling the big four jobs in his cabinet - Treasury,

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State, Defense and Justice - it became apparent that white men were destined for the first three. That left the president elect face-to-face with his campaign pledge to make his cabinet "look like Ameri-

ca," and essentially set aside the attorney general's joh for a woman. Now, after two failed efforts to find the right woman, President Clintoo is in even more of a straitjacket: fearing that failure to sciect woman would suggest that only two women in America are quali-fied to be attorney general, while at

fied to be attorney general, while at the same time scooring the country for an instantly credible candidate. The embarrassing circumstances that forced Mr. Cliotoo to bail out on Zoë Baird and Judge Kimba M. Wood damaged early impressions of his administration. More importantly, the political impact of the search for an acceptable attorney general has been transformed from general has been transformed from an effort designed to gain support from women into an episode that

has enraged many women.

Mr. Clinton finds himself hammered by critics who accuse him of a double standard in disqualifying women because of their child-care

The selection process has brought to light a number of flaws in the administration. In one case, it was the lack of political instincts by Mr. Clinton's advisers in weighing adequately the facts Ms. Baird had volunteered. In the other, it was the failure of the White House staff to question Judge Wood more rigorously about her child-care sit-nation before Mr. Clinton had all but decided to commate her. But in both cases, Mr. Clinton's deep per-sonal involvement and the criteria he laid out for the job made the task even more difficult.

The presidential historian Thomas Cronin said Mr. Clinton had essentially established three prerequisites: a woman; a candijate better than the attorneys general of the Reagan-Bush era, and low someone cleaner than anyone alse in the cabinet

Mr. Clinton never said he was imiting his search to women, and he White House has been stressing Ms. Baird's withdrawal, senior

best qualified for the job.

But the allure of naming the nation's first woman attorney general, coupled with the pressure from women's groups he later described as "bean counters," led to the tacit understanding that, as one transi-tion aide put it, "the next attorney general will be wearing a skirt."

That belief was reinforced be-cause of the role Hillary Rodham Clinton has played. The president's wife headed an American Bar Association commission on women in the law, and since the election has been actively involved in cabinet

At the beginning of the process, there was an assumption among transition officials that because both Clintons were lawyers with contacts around the country, finding the right person for the Justice Department would be easy.

In addition, the attorney gener al's slot was not the focus of ideological battling among Mr. Clintoo's transitioo advisers, eveo though the Justice Department un-der former Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush often was the hotbed of ideological policy-mak-

But finding the right person looked easier in December than it does in February.

The process began to break down when Mr. Clinton's first choice, a federal appeals court judge, Patricia M. Wald, told transition officials the ways out interest. sition officials she was oot interested in the joh. A friend said she was in part put off by the "beauty con-test" aspect of the search process.

Judge Wald would have brought a number of things Mr. Clinton wanted: stature, credibility, Justice Department experience and the correct political outlook.

Ms. Baird, despite sterling references from the likes of Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, and Lloyd M. Cutler, former White House counsel in the Carter administration, had far less to offer, in part because she was only 40 and had spent virtually all of her career

doing corporate legal work.

Mr. Clinton chose Ms. Baird over Brooksley Born, a Washington lawyer championed by women's groups that had worked with her over the years. In turning to Ms. Baird, who had initially been considered for the job of White House counsel, Mr. Clinton ignored the warnings of some advisers that if her nomination can into trouble she would find herself without political

That turned out to be prescient.
When Ms. Baird's candidacy got
into trouble because she had hired illegal immigrants, women's groups were noticeable largely because of their silence.

In the immediate aftermath of

White House officials expressed anger that the "bean counters" had been mute. The women's groups

countered that their help had never been solicited by the White House. Nevertheless, while some top advisers said the field had been reopened to include men candidates, the focus remained on finding a woman attorney general.

Although he considered a former governor of Virginia, Gerald L. Baliles, and a Washington lawyer, Charles F. C. Ruff, for the job, Mr. Clinton interviewed only two new prospects, both women: a federal judge from Boston, Rya Zobel, and Judge Wood.

When Judge Wood was asked to withdraw even before she was commated, the reaction of women's groups contrasted sharply with the aftermath of Ms. Baird's withdrawal. This time, Mr. Clinton was attacked for abandoning a woman who had not violated the law, for lacking political courage to fight for her nomination and for subjecting her to a double standard.

A Clinton adviser, Paul Begala dismissed the critics, particularly in the media, as part of a Washington "hot-air crowd."

POPE: Appeal to Sudan

(Continued from page 1) ities within a country have the right to exist, with their own language,

culture and traditions, and the state is morally obliged to leave room for their identity and self-expression."

In part, the Pope's blunt talk reflected what Vatican officials called his desire to avoid any suggestion that, by visiting Khartoum, he was giving his imprimatur to a regime that some of his own hish-

ops have accused of genocide. From Khartoum's point of view, the Pope's visit offers a rare oppor-tumity to ourture in the West a more tolerant image than it has thus far projected, even as its military campaign in the south contin-

Diplomats here said Sudan's leaders were motivated by a pro-found concern that U.S. military intervention in Somalia had set a precedent that could be extended to their own country if they seemed nnable to come to grips with com-parable problems of anarchy and famine in the south. General Bashier looked on stoni-

ly as the Pope registered his catalogue of complaints.

When people are weak and poor and defenseless, I must raise

my voice on their behalf," he said.
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Foreign Minister Michio Watan-

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uty prime minister, acknowledged

in an interview Tuesday evening

that despite advice from the U.S.

ambassador to Japan, Michael H.

Armacost, he would arrive in

Washington on Thursday with no

major new economic initiatives to

reduce tensions that have emerged

at a moment of extraordinary ner-

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ernment about the course of what it

considers Japan's most important

Although President Bill Clinton

has said little about trade policy,

Japanese officials openly worry that his emphasis on creating jobs

and placing U.S. economic security

foremost on his agenda already are leading to a string of potential con-

frontations. They also fear that the

security relationship that bas

bound the countries for decades,

overriding economic disputes, will

recede even more quickly into the

of his time reaffirming the security alliance with the United States, in

hopes of reminding Americans, he

said, that "trade is certainly not the

only relationship we have."

A senior U.S. official in Tokyo

suggested that the main purpose of

the trip - during which Mr. Wa-

tanabe will meet Mr. Clinton, Sec-

retary of State Warren M. Christo-

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TOKYO — Departing for Jaington is with the trade deficit." pan's first, uneasy encounter with In a related development, Yohei Kono, the chief cabinet secretary, the Clinton administration, the said Mr. Clinton had written to Japanese foreign minister said the

Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa seeking a meeting with him "at an early date that is convenient to Japan," Agence France-Presse reported from Tokyo. "I would like to settle the problem of the trade imbalance between the two countries at an early date through cooperation," the president reportedly

Many in Japan have suggested that if during the Watanabe visit the Clinton administration is viewed as still disorganized on its trade goals, the governing Liberal Democratic Party may determine that it can put off making politically unpopular moves to open mar-kets further or force the purchase more imported goods.

During his interview, Mr. Watanabe suggested that he would argue that Japan's soaring trade surpluses — roughly \$44 billion last year with the United States and \$136 billion with the world --- were a statistical aberration, not a reversal of Japan's commitments to Washington to radically change the

way it does business. He attributed it to the strengthening of the yen, which makes Japanese goods more expensive abroad, and to a move by Japanese manufacturers to sell higher quality products rather than more prod-

But U.S. officials in Japan said that if Mr. Watanabe attempted to explain away the trade numbers in Washington, it would almost certainly backfire, especially because the administration is eager to show that it wants to protect U.S. jobs.

Mr. Watanabe said, however that Japan did not expect Mr. Clinton to take a harder line than President George Bush did, and added that Japanese officials "are not in any way afraid of Mr. Clinton."

Regarding joint security con-cerns. Mr. Watanabe said it was inevitable that U.S. forces stationed in Asia will be reduced" over the next few years because of budget pressures. He said that even HONG KONG - Governor in the absence of a major threat to peace in the region, their presence Monday following a quick recovery was necessary because even 50 years after World War II, "the U.S.

rowing coronary arteries, the govis trusted, but Japan is still not." Mr. Watanabe said he expected Doctors have advised Mr. Patto discuss Japan's Inture expanded (en, 48, to relax and change his diet. role in the United Nations, includ-But they said his health should not ing the bid for a pennanent seat on the Security Council, which Mr. impede upcoming deliberations in Hong Kong's legislature on his po-Clinton and Mr. Christopher have



President Mitterrand visiting Dien Bien Phu, site of the battle that hastened the end of French colonial involvement in Indochina.

Mitterrand, in Hanoi, Says French Erred

HANOI — In a spirit of reconciliation, President François Mitterrand of France on Wednesday visited the site of a watershed French military defeat in 1954 and called his country's Indochina War "a mistake."

Mr. Mitterrand, in the same spirit, publicly urged President Bill Clinton, on Hanoi's behalf, to lift the U.S. economic embargo on Vietnam. Mr. Mitterrand had been criticized at home

for his plans to visit the Dien Bien Phu Valley,. where a loss in an epic battle caused the French colonialists to pull out of Vietnam. He said Wednesday that he visited the site to "rethink, experience that which a Frenchman can feel when faced with the sacrifice of his compatri-

After returning to Hanoi, he said France's

Indochina War "appeared to me to be a mis-

"French colonialism had to understand the necessity of turning the page," he said. "From the moment the war ended, I thought that it all merited a rethinking. I find it satisfying that France is the first Western country that has come here to show its desire for reconciliation." Mr. Mitterrand arrived Tuesday for the first

nist forces defeated a U.S.-backed government and reunified the country in April 1975. "I was able to meet with German generals," Mr. Mitterrand recalled Wednesday. "Our effort in Europe was aimed at reconciliation with former enemies. Why not do the same else-

Mr. Mitterrand's entourage includes businessmen as well as cabinet members responsi-

ble for the budget, research and space affairs. French and Vietnamese officials signed six agreements on business, taxes and French aid.

■ Attack in Cambodia

Unidentified gunmen wearing military uni-forms killed two Cambodians on Wednesday and wounded a Portuguese tourist and nine others in an early-morning attack on a tourist center in northwestern Cambodia that Presivisit by a Western head of state since Commudeat Mitterrand is scheduled to visit this week, The New York Times reported from Phnom

Officials of the French Embassy in Phnom Penh said they expected that Mr. Mitterrand would go ahead with his planned Friday visit to Siem Reap, where French legionnaires are based as part of a United Nations peacekeeping force, and to the ruins at Angkor.

Names First 'Native' As Prime Minister

Taiwan President

hui named Lien Chan, a U.S.-edu- political magazine. cated scholar and politician, as marking a transfer of power to a

within the governing Knomintang, Line-fa. or Nationalist Party, the appoint-ment of Mr. Lien, 56, was approved by the Central Standing Commit-

But his family moved to Taiwan before the civil war that ended in the Communist victory on the mainland in 1949.

Mr. Lee, 70, was born in Taiwan,

and Mr. Lien was born in China.

is widely regarded as being a "na-

In what newspapers in Taiwan are calling a major generational necticut in the shift, Mr. Lien will succeed Hau ing in Taiwan. Pei-tsun, 73, a former general who, like most of Taiwan's leaders in the past four decades, came from Chi-

Mr. Lien's appointment is expected to be approved by the Legislative Yuan.

The appointment is considered a victory for Mr. Lee, who has championed democratic changes and pursued a pragmatic policy toward

The new prime minister comes from one of Taiwan's wealthiest families, a circumstance that helped him rise through the ranks of the Knomintang in the days when leaders who had fled mainland China mainatined absolute control.

When his political career began in the 1970s, Mr. Lien was known as one of Taiwan's "four princelings" - ambitious young politicians with very high academic qualifications and influential family

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches life," said Antonio Chiang, publisher of The Journalist, a Taiwan.

"He cannot point to any great prime minister on Wednesday, achievements in government, but his rise has been smooth."

"Lien is not confrontational." younger generation.

Following weeks of infighting said an opposition legislator. Yn

"He knows how to compromise and how to enlist political sup-

Mr. Lien is a multimillionaire. His family's wealth has been estimated by local news organizations to be at least 10 billion Taiwan dollars (\$385 million).

He holds a doctorate in political He speaks fluent Taiwanese and science from the University of Chicago and worked as an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Connecticut in the 1960s, before teach

He entered politics by taking a series of Knomintang posts; becoming deputy secretary-general of the party in 1978.

He then served as comm tions minister, vice prime minister and then foreign minister, from 1988 to 1990.

Mr. Lien has said almost nothing about the policies he intends to pursue as prime minister, but he is likely to push forward President.

Lee's democratic changes. He also is expected to continue using Taiwan's growing economic power to break out of the international isolation caused by its diplomatic rivalry with China, a policy that he bad promoted as foreign

He has affirmed his commitment to his party's official goal of eventual reunification with China, although many native Taiwanese leaders place little emphasis on this (AP, Reuters)

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JERUSALEM - Six lead-

ing Orthodox rabbis have de-

clared videocassette recorders

a "curse" that must be ban-

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ished from Jewish life.

Clinton to Name New Somali Envoy, but Role Is Unchanged

By Daniel Williams

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration has decided to name a new special envoy to Somalia next month and continue quiet efforts to restore government to the chaotic country even while expecting the United Nations to take the lead in keeping order, according to U.S. sources.

Robert B. Oakley, a retired foreign service officer who is the current special envoy, has been plan-ning to leave Somalia next month

replaced by Robert Gosende, a U.S. Information Agency official who has been working in Somalia since mid-December,

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No change will be made in the envoy's mission, which has been largely to persuade leaders of warring clans to design a peaceful political future for the country, form a government and create a police force, the sources said.

State Department officials emphasized that the U.S. envoy in Somalia will in no way undermine

and return to husiness. He will be the authority of the United Nations, which is expected within days to name a commander of an international peacekeeping force for Somalia, Many Somalis bold the United Nations in low esteem

"We are going to let every Soma-li know that the UN is going to be

Mr. Gosende, who previously served in Somalia from 1968 to 1970 with the information agency, has been involved in identifying potential leaders in the country. About 5,000 U.S. soldiers are ex-

pected to remain in Somalia under the UN flag, largely for logistical support but perhaps also for peace-

■ Turk to Head UN Force The Turkish government said Ministry spokesman said,

tions has asked it to name a Turkish general to head the projected UN peacekeeping force of 20,000 in Somalia, Reuters reported from

that the command "be undertaken by a Turkish general and the government has accepted," a Foreign

HEALTH: So the Mean Die Young? Don't Bet on It

medical records of 620 men and women who had visited the clinic from 1962 through 1965 for general health care and had taken the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, a lengthy questionnaire used in many studies of bow hostility influences health.

Fifty items on the survey are used to calculate a person's tendency toward hostile, anti-social behavior, and the test-taker who scores in the highest quarter of the scale, according to the original test designers, is one who "sees people as dishonest, unsocial, immoral, ugly and mean.

Examining the records of the patients 20 years later, the Mayo researchers at first saw a correlation between a high hostility score and coronary disease. But when they added in two important variables, the person's sex and age at the time the questionnaire was

taken, the correlation disappeared. It turned out that the older men in the study, those over the age of 43 at the time of the initial test, were more likely to have suffered heart disease during the 20-year span than either women or younger men, a finding that in itself is hardly surprising. But the older man's relative hostility level did not seem to put him at

stand why the results didn't turn out as one would have expected from the literature," said Dr. Robert C. Colligan, another author of the report, "We don't quite understand what we're seeing, and we're stuck saying further research is needed."

Nor can the Mayo researchers explain why as a group the older men in their survey tended to score on the high end of the hostility scale compared with women and younger men.

Dr. Redford B. Williams of Duke University, who believes that relentless anger and mistrust harm health and that belligerent people can change their tenden-cies to react with rancor to every perceived slight, complained about several crucial details of the study. These included a high number of patients who had to be dropped from consideration because they had moved away and whose fate was therefore unknown, making it impossible to interpret results cleanly.

He also said better methods for ganging hostility were now being used, including structured interviews with analysts trained to recognize covert signs of suspiciousness and dyspeptic tendencies.

"I wish to goodness there was a blood test for assessing hostility," he said. "But we're working on it."

problems.

economist and former Japanese foreign minister, died of a heart attack Tuesday in Tokyo.

He was foreign minister from 1979 to 1980 and represented the Japanese government at the 1980 Venice conference of the Group of Seven industrialized nations.

well known hy bringing Japan to where it is today after World War II," Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said.

China in 1914. After graduating from the Imperial University of Tokyo with an engineering degree. he started his career as a bureaucrat economist and author whose career

cations Ministry.
During World War 11, he re-

searched issues concerning industrial production at the governmental agencies. He became a leading architect of various economic policies, including a 1960 plan calling for the doubling the Japanese people's income. Mr. Oki13 died only a week after

a group of scholars led by him urged the government to open Japan's rice markets by accepting tarification proposals made in the Urguay Round of talks on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Fred Hollows, 63, an eye surgeon who spent three decades working to save the sight of people around the world, died Wednesday of cancer. He was honored for his work in the Australian aboriginal community and in many Third World countries.

Eliot Janeway, 80, a political

spanned seven decades, died Mon-day in New York. He had been suffering from diabetes and heart

Tan Shaowen, 63, who was elected to the Politburo of the Chinese Communist Party last year, died of lung cancer Wednesday. He was party chief for the northern port city of Tianjin.

Lord Bernstein of Leigh, 94, a leader in the British entertainment industry and the founder of Granada Television, died Friday. He established a chain of move theaters before he began Granada in 1956.

Eric Lobb, 85, head of a familyrun boot and shocmaking company whose clients include Queen Elizabeth II, died of pneumonia Jan. 25

Hans Jonas, 89, who fled Nazi Germany and became an influential philosopher, died Friday in New Rochelle, New York.

To Bar Dalai Lama Visit Agence France-Presse BEIJING - China warned

Thailand on Wednesday not to go ahead with a planned visit by the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tiberan

ing in political acts aimed at splitting the motherland." The Dalai Lama is to join six fellow Nobel Peace Prize laureates in Bangkok Tuesday through Thursday to protest the continued detention of the Burmese dissident Daw Aung San

Obey UN, Moscow Tells Iraq

parliament.

BAGHDAD — A Russian dip-lomai said here Wednesday that Moscow expected Iraq to comply with Gulf War cease-fire terms inposed by the United Nations.
"Russia's position is firm," said igor Melekhov, deputy head of the Foreign Ministry's Middle East department. "Russia believes that the

situation requires that Iraq complies with Security Council resolu-Mr. Melekhov arrived Monday on the first high-level visit by a

Russian envoy since the Gulf War. Baghdad had seized on recent statements by President Boris N. Yeltsin and his foreign minister as a sign that Moscow's backing for Western policy on Iraq was waning after U.S.-led air and missile attacks last month

Mr. Melekhov said he would press Iraq to comply with all the UN resolutions levied against it after its defeat in the war.

He said that Moscow was anxious to preserve the good relations that the former Soviet Union had with Baghdad, its closest Middle East ally until the war.

Moscow endorsed the U.S.-led campaign to drive Iraq out of Kuwait. It also supported the initial strikes last month to force fragi compliance, but said that later raids were out of proportion to Baghdad's actions. Mr. Yeltsin criticized what he called Washington's tendency to "dictate conditions" over international policy to-

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in charge and we are there to help the UN," said a U.S. official.

keep order during a stint in Soma-

The UN secretary-general, Bu-tros Butros Ghali, has proposed

cos which, unfortunately, are a curse that have entered homes in Israel," the six said in a proclamation published in the Yaved Noeman newspaper.

"In our opinion, the opinion of the Torah," they said, "VCRs should be kept out of homes, and not used at weddings, conferences or elsewhere.

Strict Orthodox Jews do not watch television, but videocassette recorders have crept in, with some people believing they are harmless because strict control of program content can be exercised.

But the proclamation called on parents and teachers "to be on the alert to make sure their descendants and students do not, God forbid, watch the destructive machine." Among those who signed the proclamation were Eliezer

Shach, spiritual leader of the

ultraorthodox Shas party,

which holds four seats in the

Saburo Okita, 78, Economist, Dies

TOKYO - Saburo Okita, 78, an

greater risk of heart disease.

Long remembered for laying out a blueprint for Japan's economic advance after World War II, Mr. Okita wrote government papers on the Japanese economy from 1948 to 195î.

"It is very regrettable to have lost a long, long friend who became

Mr. Okita was born in Dalin,

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leader, next week.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman accused the Dalai Lama of "engag-

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EUROPEAN TOPICS

Attacks on Horses Stir Fears in England

After a wave of mysterious attacks on horses in the English countryside, vigilante groups have set up night patrols and the police bave had to warn parents not to let their children sneak out of bed to steen alongside their conjunctions. to sleep alongside their ponies.

Over the past year, 28 horses bave been attacked in rural

Hampshire county, in southern England. The culprits — the au-thorities believe there may be as many as five — use sharp instru-ments to mutilate the horses, often in the genital area. All but two of the horses have survived. Riding schools and livery yards

in Hampshire have increased security. The Times reports. More than 1,200 people have offered information to the police. A re-ward of £20,000 (\$28,600) has been offered.

Around Europe

Deputies in Brussels, seeking to avoid a Belgian breakup, have voted to make the kingdom a federal state. This would allow French-speaking Wallonia and Dutch-speaking Flanders to elect regional parliaments directly. Bilingual Brussels and a small German-speaking area would be given the same right.

This and other legal changes being studied — approval by the

Senate and hy Baudouin, king of the Belgians, is still required — would leave the central govern-ment with control only of monetary policy, the military, foreign

tary policy, the military, foreign relations and social security. Historical distrust between the Flemish and the Walloons has been sharpened by a widening economic gap between the wealthier north and the slower-growing south. Calls for a breakup have become more strident in recent months, apparently inspired partly by Czechoslovakia's "velvet divorce."

Some teachers in Italy are grumbling about orders that they "Americanize" the grading system. Beginning next school year, primary school teachers have been told to use letter grades — A through E — and condense their traditional, and often long-winded, written assessments. Controversy has reached the front pages of Italian newspapers, which have quoted experts as saying the letter system is irrelevant to Italian

The sale of oysters from a 100-kilometer (60-mile) stretch of France's Atlantic coast has been banned after the discovery of toxic algae previously seen only in the Pacific. The algae do not harm oysters but are dangerous to humans. For the 2,300 oyster farmers affected - they harvest 45,000 to 60,000 tons of oysters a year, 45 percent of all those eaten in France — the ban is catastrophic. They're hoping powerful tides expected this week will purge local



Des O'Neill from Tallaghts taking advantage of the Irish Central Bank's offer of money to burn on cold winter nights.

Presumably holding their noses and averting their eyes, more than 300 members of Britain's Parliament plan to attend an exhibition of pornography this month that organizers hope will prove antiobscenity laws are too weak. The display, put together from evi-

dence seized in police raids, in-cludes material "so horrific that not one member of Parliament at the private viewing held a short time ago was able physically to endure viewing all the exhibits," said Anne Winterton, an organiz-

A blood bank in Hankeland, Vorway, is offering a rather appropriate incentive to donors: a ree ticket to the film "Dracula."

Money to burn: Ireland's Cen-tral Bank used to destroy used

bank notes. Now it is donating

them into fuel blocks for the needy. "It is just common sense," a spokesman said. "The bank needs to get rid of these notes, and they burn almost as well as coal or

Brian Knowlton

A New-Age Happening Leaves French Villagers Unimpressed

By Alan Riding

New York Times Service VITRY-AUX-LOGES, France - By Claude Bardin's own account, an internal voice led her first to California, where she was "miraculously" cured of cancer, then to India, where she met her spiritual guide, and finally to the Forest of Orleans, where she set up a bealing center.

But soon after arriving here in 1987, the 48-year-old Parisian began to hear other voices, this time those of villagers murmuring that she was running a sect given to bizarre rituals.

"A few centuries ago," a local woman told her darkly, "people like you were burned at the stake."

She bought and restored an old chateau in new. this village of 1,600 inhabitants near Or-leans and, by 1989, Vital Harmony — "a spiritual center for purification and barmonization" - was drawing its first \$100-aday clients from Paris and beyond.

Vitry-aux-Loges, though, was not ready for the New Age. Mrs. Bardin invited villagers to the center, but no one came. She distributed a pamphlet describing her near-death experience, her discovery of holocal hostility.

"If I went shopping, people would turn their backs on me and start whispering," the thrice-married former publicist recalled. "It's a place that just doesn't like outsiders. In my case, it was worse because I had arrived from California. What sort of decent Frenchwoman would move to Cali-

This tale of intrigue in "la France profonde" would have gone unnoticed, however, if the television spotlight had not fallen on Vitry-aux-Loges. Instead, a much larger old her darkly, "people like you were unded at the stake."

Her own voice told her to press ahead. It is now taking sides in a dispute that, to many, illustrates the growing confrontation between the old France and the

> Tired of being ostracized, it was Mrs. Bardin who first got in touch with "Mea Culpa," a popular program that tries to reconcile parties to conflicts. Led by the mayor, the doctor and the teacher, the most important local opinion-makers, some two-dozen villagers agreed to join a 90-minute debate televised nationwide in

Rather than being a "kiss-and-make-up"

listic medicine and her communication success, the program has brought new com-with "the voice," but it simply reinforced plications. Eager to show that she had France. "You can cure physically, even psychologinothing to hide, Mrs. Bardin allowed television cameras into the chateau. In one scene, she was shown on her knees bowing before a candle-lighted podium crowned by a photograph of her Indian guru, Sai Baba.

> "People had heard all sorts of rumors," Emile Challenge, the local primary school teacher, said later. "But when they saw her bowing before a divine presence, they were shocked. They recognized signs of a sect. They no longer needed rumors. They had seen it with their own eyes."

Mrs. Bardin also made new enemies. Pointing to Vital Harmony's "hydrothera-py of the colon" treatment, the medical association in Orleans charged her with illegal practice of medicine, And, at a preliminary court bearing the state prosecutor demanded that she be sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

On the other hand, far from the Forest of Orléans, Mrs. Bardin woo friends. Since her television appearance, in which she broke down in tears while recounting her fight against breast cancer, she has received

"I think it is all one big publicity stunt,"
Dr. François Bertaux, the local physician, said as he joined Mr. Challenge and Mayor André Cheron to give the village's considered opinion on the subject. "I don't know what's going on. Today, I got an anonymous telephone call saying Mrs. Bardin had committed suicide and I rushed over there, I think she thought I was crazy."

The previous day, she had again invited villagers to the center and this time several hundred people wandered through its two floors looking at its ultramodern body-toning equipment, imported from the United States. Mr. Cheron and Mr. Challenge were among the crowd, but they came away no less suspicious.

"I am happy there is a health center in Vitry, but how far does it go?" the mayor said. "What worries me is that after she has worked on people's brains a bit, it leads them to adhere to this Sai Baba fellow. One doesn't know the true power of her mystic

"There is a potential in her that merits close vigilance," the school director there and listened."

"You can cure physically, even psychologically, then deviate to religion, even beyond religion to a movement outside France, like this one.

In the nearby chateau, Mrs. Bardin sat in her tiny office dressed in white and guarded by lumps of amethyst, quartz and crystal while preparing her defense in court. "I don't know what will happen, but lots of former clients have volunteered to appear as witnesses," she said,

She was pleased by the turnout for her open house. "In the past, local kids were told they would disappear if they came in here," she said. "Well, lots showed up yesterday and nothing happened. In fact, there were many adults, too. Some came after dark so their neighbors wouldn't see

And she even spotted a chink in the enemy's armor. "I had an intense conversation with Mr. Challenge," she said. "He is a very closed, very scared man, but he has a good heart. In time, we'll open up his

And the mayor? "Well, he just stood

Vichy-Era Suspect Likely to Be Tried For Deporting Jews

By Barry James

International Herald Tribune
PARIS — He is now 83, and it has become a race against time to put him on trial for crimes he allegedly committed during World War II. But the wheels of justice are moving again, making a trial likely for Vichy France's wartime police chief, René Bousquet.

Judicial sources here said an indictment was ready, charging Mr. Bousquet with being directly and personally responsible for the deportation of 13,000 Jews from Vithy France to Nazi Germany in July 1942. The sources said that the prosecutor was expected to seek a formal indictment in April, and that if the request was upheld Mr. Bousquet could go to trial early

next year.
Until recently, it seemed that Mr. Bousquet might escape a trial, thus keeping attention away from a period of French history that many

in France would prefer to ignore.

Mr. Bousquet, who headed the
police under the Vichy regime, was tried in 1949 and sentenced to five years in prison, but was immediately released. He then had a brilliant career in Banque d'Indochine — which later became Banque Indotant director general.

In 1978, it was publicly alleged that Mr. Bousquet had been responsible for the 1942 roundup of Jews in Paris, when thousands of Jews were incarcerated in a velo-drome before being sent to Germany. Following the allegations, Mr. Bousquet resigned from the bank, although he kept his place on the boards of about 40 companies.

More evidence accumulated, and in 1989 the lawyer Serge Klarsfeld, representing the families of depor-tees, sought Mr. Bousquet's indictment on a charge of crimes against humanity, for which there is no statute of limitations.

The case has long been stalled because of legal wrangling and what appeared to be a lack of political will to focus on the past.

Last year, a court ruled that Paul Touvier, a chief of the wartime militia in Lyon, could not be tried because the Vichy regime did not systematically persecute people. This caused an uproar, and in November, a higher court ruled that Mr. Touvier, who had been sheltered for years in a Roman Catholic monastery, could be tried for the killings of seven Jews.

President François Mitterrand. who sparked a controversy in No-

nual day to commemorate the per-secution of the Jews in France, In Bordeaux, a former semior Vichy Interior Ministry official, Maurice Papon, 82, was charged last year with crimes against humanity in connection with the deportations.

Some analysts say this indicates. a change of mood in France, which: could mean time is running out for-

Mr. Bousquet.
Judicial sources said the prosethe case for an indictment on a meeting on July 2, 1942, between Mr. Bousquet and Nazi officials, at, which the French police chief alleg-edly agreed to inflict Hitler's "final solution" on French Jews.

Although a French court sen-tenced Klaus Barbie, the Gestapo chief in Lyon, to life in prison for his wartime crimes, no French officials have been tried. The official line has been that the atrocities in France were the responsibility of the Nazis.

What Mr. Klarsfeld and others hope will be established if Mr. Bousquet comes to trial is the legal recognition of what now seems apparent from wartime archives: that Vichy authorities were not passive Nazi collaborators, but instead acsuez - rising to become its assistively supported Hitler's "final so-

Bundestag Vote On Asylum Curbs Is Set for May 7

BONN — Germany's main-stream parties have set May 7 as the final date for the legislature to adopt tight oew limits on political asylum, a move aimed at stemming a flood of foreign refugees.

The Bundestag press office said Wednesday that government parties and the opposition Social Democrats had agreed on the date for the final debate and likely approval of proposed changes in asy-

The agreement was reached Wednesday by the Interior Affairs Committee of the Bundestag, which also chose March 24 for debate on amendments that would restrict liberal asylum provisions in the German Constitution.

Two small leftist opposition parties voted against the schedule. Critics of the package say it will vember by sending a wreath to the tomb of the Vichy leader Marshal refugees to even apply for asylum effectively eliminate the right of Pétain, recently announced an an- in Germany.



Classified Valentine Message Contest

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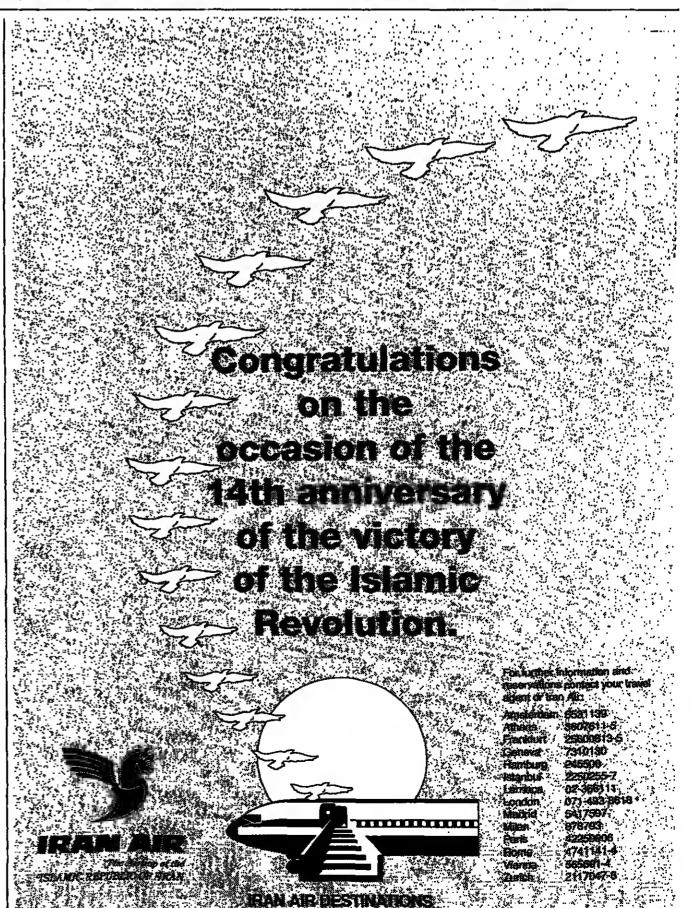
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Turkey Causes Worry

prominent liberal newspaper columnist in Ankara was the 12th killing of a Turkish journalist since the beginning of 1992. That is the highest casualty rate for journalists of any country in the world during that time — even the Bosnian nightmare did not produce a higher one - and it is disturbing to reflect that this grisly record was set in a country whose continued stability is an essential cornerstone of much U.S. and NATO policy,

from Iraq to the Caucasus and the Balkans. The death of Ugur Murnou, killed by a car bomb in front of his home on Jan. 24, preceded a visit to the United States by President Turgut Ozal, who, in meetings and public statements, has been stressing Turkey's importance as a model - secular democracy, stable free-market economy for other Islamic countries. Previous administrations have acknowledged that importance, and President Bill Clinton's meeting with Mr. Ozal on Monday suggested that be does, too. The Turks may also be an important bridge to the ethnically Turkic republics that stretch across ex-Soviet Central Asia and are now deciding between Western and fundamentalist models. All that makes Turkish violence and unrest more than a domestic Turkish concern.

Much of the current strain stems from the long war in the southeast against the PKK, a Kurdish separatist guerrilla group that the Ankara government has been trying since 1984 to crush. Casualties now total nearly 2,000, but the corrosive effect has been broader; widespread allegations of human rights abuses, assassinations, growing fear among journalists and human rights lawyers for their own safety and

The assassination two weeks ago of a consequent political self-censorship. The Gulf War made matters more complicated by the establishment of a de facto Kurdish state on the Iraqi side of the border; confusingly, the Iraqi Kurdish forces are supposed to be cooperating with the Turkish government against the PKK.

The PKK itself pursues goals shared by few Turkish Kurds, but it has gained wider support among them because of the severity of the government's repressive measures against Kurds in the southeast and its longstanding suppression of Kurdish language and culture. Until 1990 it was illegal to speak Kurdish in public; earlier a deputy of the parliament was briefly jailed for stating that there were Kurds in Turkey (they make up a fifth of the population). Although these laws have been eased, military abuses in the southeast are widely alleged. The international Committee to Protect Journalists cites evidence of state involvement

in some of the killings.

Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel, whose party took over power in the parliament from Mr. Ozal's in November 1991, promised then to make prison walls "like glass" and to end tornire; Mr. Demirel has also repeatedly said the government will use any means necessary to subdue the PKK. But he has presided twice before over governments that were overturned by a military coup after they failed to brake rising disorder, Although Mr. Ozal no longer exercises much direct power in Turkey, where the president's role is mostly as a figurehead, his new. Clinton-era contacts ought to make clear to him that any erosion of Turkish democracy is cause for worry.

—THE WASHINGTON POST

Recognize Angola

A U.S.-brokered agreement two years ago appeared to promise Angola the peace it deserves after decades of bloody bush war. Yet Washington has continued to shun diplomatic ties with the formerly Marxist regime

in Luanda, It is time to end the anomaly, Under the agreement, right-wing rebels led by Jonas Savimbi pledged to surrender arms if the leftist government submitted to free elections, Mr. Savimbi boasted that he could easily beat President José Eduardo dos Santos. But when ballots were counted last September in what foreign observers found to be a fair election, the president led with 49.6 percent, and his ruling party with 58 percent in parliamentary voting.

Instead of competing in the required runoff when Mr. dos Santos fell short of a majority. Mr. Savimbi cried foul and resumed his rebellion. Since the first-round vote, an estimated 10,000 Angolans have been killed and a million made homeless.

Granted, there are no angels on these barricades. When Portugal abruptly freed Angola in 1975, Mr. dos Santos's party won a bloody scramble for power, and Mr. Savimbi - then an ardent Maoist - retreated to his ethnic base. A bad war became worse when Moscow and Havana armed Luanda while Washington joined hands with South Africa in getting weapons to Mr. Savimbi via Zaire. Although both sides were brutal,

was the good democrat, American conservatives naively took him at his word. So did the United Nations, which unwisely failed to disarm both sides before it conducted elections, a fact that Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali now regrets.

Mr. Savimbi, scenting defeat, would rather kill Angolans than take his chances in a runoff. Nevertheless, even as rebels seize oil fields and sabotage Luanda's water supply, Mr. Butros Ghali would set an April 30 deadline for withdrawing all UN forces.

Only the Angolans themselves can finally settle this conflict, but Washington can belp level the battlefield by recognizing Angola. Cold War calculations aside, there never was much sense in denying an embassy to an oil-producing country whose major cus-tomer was America. Nor does it make sense for the United Nations to walk away from a mess it belped create.

If peace talks fail, as they probably will, the United Nations could reasonably post monitors along frontiers to check any arms surregling to Mr. Savimbi from South Africa. All these steps can be taken without enormous costs or major deployments. By supporting them, a new American administration can make plain that it has not forgotten Angola's ordeal.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Congress Needs Fixing

anything done at all. Thirty committees and pieces of last year's defense budget. Forty committees and subcommittees demand a say in energy legislation. The original Clean Air Act covered a page and a half; the latest renewal filled 313 pages.

Checked, balanced and featherbedded to

the point of stasis, Congress must reform not only its dubious campaign fund-raising practices but the way it works — or doesn't. And Congress senses it. Seared by the bot breath of public contempt, the Senate and the House have done what comes naturally. They have formed yet another committee.

At least this joint committee on congressional reform has Democratic co-chairmen, Senator David Boren and Representative Lee Hamilton, who offer themselves as earnest reformers. But there will be no real change unless the leaders of both parties, in both bouses, give the effort real muscle. They need a wake-up call. Here is a good start:

Redefine turf. There has not been a basic realignment of committees since 1946. Splintered oversight of energy policy is just one example of the need to adjust committee responsibilities to modern times. Turf protectors will protest, but the public interest demands that laws not be burdened by insertions from 40 fiefs. When that is done. shrink the jurisdiction of committees that are overloaded, such as House Ways and Means, which sprawls beyond revenue matters into all manner of programs affecting health, welfare and foreign trade.

Cut committees and staff. All told, there are 300 full committees and subcommittees. To justify their existence, they generate ideas for legislation. In the 101st Congress, 6,973 bills were introduced; barely 200 became law. This year's newly elected members, bringing a fresh eye to old procedures, are already grumbling about too many hearings and too little time for floor debate.

Speed the budget process. Congress votes at least twice, and often four or five times, on every dollar it appropriates — in the clear up the clutter. annual budget resolution, in the authoriz-

It is no secret that the U.S. Congress is ing legislation, and finally in appropriating inefficient. The real mystery is how it gets the money. It would be hard to dislodge any committees that figure in this process, but -count 'em - 77 subcommittees picked at efficiency and logic would both be served by eliminating one of those three steps.

Stop micro-managing the government. As the billowing Clean Air Act demonstrates, laws have become endlessly detailed. Sometimes Democratic legislators wrote those details to make sure that Republican presidents followed the law's intent, but the habit has spread generally. Over-provisioned bills are often so cumbersome that only their chief sponsors know what is in them; other members are left to vote in the dark.

Give the minority more space. Republicans get short shrift on committee slots. staffing and opportunities to shape legislation, especially in the House. Speaker Thomas Foley contends that the Democrats need two-thirds of the seats on the powerful Rules Committee, but that is only for tight control of the agenda. In the Senate, excessive filibustering by Republicans abuses their right to be heard; the rules need tightening, while preserving the minority's right

to object and even obstruct. The House has already started trimming subcommittees, but arbitrarily. It also began last week to wipe out four special committees that have no legislative authority but serve to focus attention on four profound concerns - narcotics, bunger, the aging, and children and families. The need for these committees is proper grist for the reform committee; they should not be axed just to satisfy an impulse to cut something. Congress is under the gun to shape up. By last November, voters in 14 states were so tired of political gridlock that they imposed term limits on their senators and represen-tatives. It is facile to say that the gridlock was ended by electing a Democratic president. That will, of course, remove some of the contention that has roiled the legislative process since 1980. But Congress is still Congress, not the president's lapdog. If the Senate and House are now to play their proper constitutional role, they must first

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OPINION

To Build a New Consensus, Rise Above Today's Noise

WASHINGTON — The waves of emotion that have swept out of the American heartland and rocked the Clinton administration in its opening days rise from a loss of a clear national consensus on America's role in the world and on the national destiny at home.

Unanchored, American public opinion swings with new volatility from issue to issue, or personality to personality. The urgent task of America's leaders now is to shape a new consensus, not to decipher and attend to each swing of the electronically empowered as the old consensus evaporates.

The explanations from the White House why Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood had to be thrown off the sled to the wolves of public opinion leave this impression: Somehow a fourth powerful branch of government has been established in the nation's radio and television talk show studios. Like the thumbs of the spectators at the Roman circus, the dialing fingers of America's telephonically agile have been given the power to determine

who survives and who penishes.

Present in much of the media coverage commentary and overinterpretation of the first political pratfalls by the Clinton administration, that view confuses symptom and cause. The talk shows express a profound change in America's national mood and attention span at

the end of the 20th century. But the angry or anxious phone-ins, whether to talk show hosts or to the White House and Congress, are not the cause or agent of that change. In three swift years, America has psychologically cast off the anchor of fighting commu-

nism and Soviet power abroad as the Cold War ended. Less obvious but just as important has been the loss of the overarching, reinforcing beliefa by Americans that tomorrow will be economically better than today. Knee-jerk responses to telephone barrages

or media firestorms miss the point of these fundamental changes. So do suggestions that Bill Clinton should set up a White House "war room" modeled on his campaign operation. The real need is for the president to focus on the pillars of the new consensus he wants to construct and to go about building them with purpose and consistency.

He should regard the six-month delay imposed on his proposal to lift the armed services' ban on gays as an opportunity rather than a tactical political defeat. Now that the initial bue and cry the proposal provoked has subsided, there is a chance to begin work on a central pillar of the new consensus. The president, Congress and the Joint

By Jim Hoagland

Chiefs of Staff should use the bearings proposed by Senator Sam Nunn not just to weigh the civil rights of gays on the scales against the military's need for discipline and cohesion. Washington's main political actors, and the public at large, should use this period to consider and debate what the role, size and meaning of the U.S. military be-yond the Cold War should be.

It is a question too important to be left only to the generals, who have treated it as a narrow matter of force restructuring, and to gay rights activists, who also view this dete in one dimension

"This is not a fight about the military," Thomas B. Stoddard, coordinator of the Campaign for Military Service, told The New York Times the other day in a revealing, albeit inaccurate, remark. "This is a

The remark struck me because it suggests a central unarticulated point in this fight, which is very much about the military. Armies are created as servants of the state - not of society, with all its conflicting agendas and zero-sum political competition. Do Americans want to fund a large military establishment whose purpose is to convey special groups into the national mainstream? Is that the debate that is needed about the role of the

army in America's future? Most European armies have quietly and dificiently accepted homosexuals into their ranks. This is not so much because the Continentals are more blase about sexual practices and orientation, but because they have not been dealing with this issue at a political, or "societal," level. European electorates are comfortable with leaving the state to reconcile the military's unassailable need to disci-

fight of every lesbian and gay American for their place in society."

pline behavior with the individual's right (and duty) to keep sexual preferences a private matter while in the military setting.

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A balanced approach would rule out recruiters and commanders asking about sexual preference and would ban overthy gay behavfor in the barracks as well. The Nunn hearings should quickly adopt such a belance as a point of departure and push into the broader questions of the American military's purpose and prospects beyond the Cold Wat. The Georgia senator has the standing, intelligence,

and ambition to pursue this goal. It is a moment to step back and take the long view, not to expend time and political capital for partisan or institutional gain in jockeying over gay rights. President Clinton and the rest of America's civilian and military leaders need to provide substantial anchors of consensus for America's quick mood swings. Otherwise they will end up chasing them endlessly.

The Washington Post.

The Clinton Generation Brings Its Own Scars

WASHINGTON — When Americans cast their votes in November, they decreed many changes in Washington. The most important one, some of us guessed, was the change in generations in control of the government. Already we are beginning to see signs of the strain.

For 40 years, from Dwight Eisenhower through George Bush, the presidency was held by men who had worn the country's uni-form in World War II. All of them had personal memories of the De-pression. All had been part of the national mobilization against Nazism, fascism and imperial Japan.

When a new generation, led by Bill Clinton, 46, and Al Gore, 44, won election in November, leadership passed to a set of people formed in a very different crucible. The shaping events of their lives — the civil rights revolution, the struggle over women's rights, the battle over abortion and, most of all, the Vietnam War - were matters that polarized Americans rather than united them.

By David S. Broder

The divisions in that generation delayed its succession to power. Now that it has arrived those same problems are causing President Clinton beadaches. His missteps do not approach the serious-ness of the Bay of Pigs disaster early in John F. Kennedy's presidency, but they offer a glimpse of the tricky course ahead.

The difficulty of finding an at-torney general stems from a "baby boomer" phenomenon - the pattern of professional spouses em-ploying child-care belpers rather than deferring their career plans. The women Mr. Clinton picked for the Justice Department joh were a high-powered corporate lawyer married to an lvy League professor, and a federal judge married to a magazine columnist. They, and many of their contemporaries, are more prepared than most in their parents' generation to turn over child care to someone else.

It is also characteristic of that generation that the reaction has been split, with some saying that Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood got their rightful comcuppance and others that they were victims of a double standard.

A similar split has begun to emerge about Hillary Clinton's role as a major arbiter of policy and personnel in her husband'a administration. None of the previous eight first ladies did that

Mr. Clinton will be crippled if the White House fumbles the health care initiative as it did the search for an attorney general. Some cannot believe that this crucial task has been given to the first lady; others think she is perfectly qualified for the task and it would be snapid not to use her. I am in the second group myself, but I still want to know how she is going to be held accountable for her work. But the clearest case of the challenges this generation raises - and faces - is the issue of gays in the military. The World War II veter-

ans left it alone, probably out of

embarrassment, ignorance or, in some cases, prejudice. But in Mr. Clinton's generation, homosecusiity has come out of the closet and gays are more assertive of their rights — including the legal right

to join the military.

Conditioned by the civil rights: movement to react strongly to almost any claim of discrimenation; Mr. Clinton moved fast to give gays their rights. In so doing he triggered an unanticipated sesponse — laden with echces of the Vietnam debate of the '60s.

Just as they did 25 years ago; when Mr. Clinton was participate ing in anti-Vietnam War demonstrations, the opponents of the clinton gay-rights initiative took the posture of protectors of the military. General Colin Powell be came William Westmoreland, and Mr. Clinton, to his apparent surprise, was cast as Abbie Hoffman.

My guess is that these three generation-based controversies are just the tip of the iceberg a more fun, and friction, lie ahead.

Germany: There Are Two Sides to the Battle of the Bundeswehr

T RIER, Germany — The West is losing the battle for the future, By Hanns W. Mauli

by default. What is missing is a clear, well exchast and strates of the in-dustrialized denocracies, led by determined statesmen for dealing with the flood of turmoil around the world. A chance to roll back anarchy and violence may already have some. And there may be worse to come: the next phase could involve the disintegration of the alliance of Western mocracies itself.

One crucial relationship in this alliance is that between America and Germany, and there a serious crisis is already brewing. Once more, the issue concerns an "out-of-area problem" this time, the problem of enforce rules and principles of international order in the former Yugoslavia.

"We would, but we can't": This is what Germany has been saying whenever the question of a military contribution by the new Germany to allied efforts arose. If America starts to consider military enforcement of UN Socurity Council resolutions in the former Yugoslavia, the Germans will probably point again to their constitu-tion, the Grandgesetz, which is said to forbid sending the Bundeswehr, the nation's army, abroad for anything but to defend Germany and its NATO allies.

But the enforcement of UN Securi-Council resolutions would require NATO to do the job, and to do it effectively, NATO would need its airborne command and communications centers, the AWACS. NATO's multinational AWACS unit, however, is

manned one third by Germans, and communical by a Common. If those German soldiers were withdrawn, the AWACS might be grounded, and Washington and Bonn would again be on a collision course. The irony of the German debate is

A German military role outside the country needs careful thought --- by Germans and their allies.

that most constitutional lawyers say

the constitution does not bar the Bundeswehr from combat missions abroad, so long as such missions are part of an international effort to reestablish collective security. This means that the Bundeswehr

could help to enforce UN Security Council resolutions - if the au thorities chose to make German soldiers available. So the issue is essentially one of political choice. But for 20 years, German governments and politicians have chosen to take shelter behind a restrictive interpretation of the Grundgesetz. (In fairness, one should note that this reflected a broad political consensus within the elites, as well as within the people — a consensus that was constructive in helping Germany to integrate in the alliance.)

But in a changed world, in which Commany factor vanily product responsibilities, this interpretation no longer makes sense. Put simply, Germans have to face three questions: Can the international community forgo the credible threat and use of military force to maintain international law and order, and to protect human rights against gross violation? If not, then can Germany abstain from such efforts? And if not that, then should such an option be left hostage to the vagaries of a UN Security Council in which five countries, including China and Russia, hold veto power?

For Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his government, the answer is "no" to all three questions. But his coalition partners, the Free Democrats, insist that any use of the Bundeswehr outside the NATO context would require a change of the Grondeesetz.

This interpretation has become the political legacy of Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. His successor, Klaus Kinkel, and the Free Democrat's party chairman, Otto Lambsdorff, have nailed their flags to Mr. Genscher's mast. The Free Democrat's desire for consistency may be bonorable, but it saddles Germany with a buge problem. For if German soldiers were to withdraw from the AWACS, how could NATO rely in future on integrated military units? A cornerstone of NATO's new military strategy, for which Germany pushed strongly, would then crumble. Germany would have brought on itself what it has tried so hard to avoid: the "singularization" and "renationaliza-tion" of German seem by policies. Germany thus must be able to par-

ticipate in multilateral military operations within the alliance. The damage caused by following a separate path on the AWACS issue could be incalculable. But the way to avoid this should not be by tampening with the Grundgesetz, nor by recourse to the Constitutional Court (which would be politically hard-pressed by such a case). It should be acknowledged that the old. restrictive interpretation of the Grundgesetz has outlived its usefulness, that Germany needs to face its

Not entirely alone, though. For the constitution also confines the Bundeswehr (apart from individual or collective self-defense within the alliance) to missions of collective security, which at present could be authorized only by the UN Security Council This is good — for a Germany that could contribute military power only within a UN framework would provide incentives for strengthening the UN system.
On the other hand, any steps by

Germany to allow the Bundeswehr to cooperate in multilateral military opcrations outside the UN framework would send the wrong signals: It would weaken the UN system further; and it would reduce incentives to integrate Russia, now the key swing voter in the Security Council. Unfortunately, the simple solution

Somalis in victory, they were rebels

in defeat: First the Merjeteen, then

the northern Isags and soon others

Mr. Siad Barre met the rebellions

with increasing repression. By 1989, the Hawiyas around Mogadishu had joined the battle, and in 1991 he was

overthrown. The two Hawiya war-

lords in Mogadishu, General Mo-hammed Farrah Aidid and Moham-

med Ali Mahdi, are the brutal result.

The rest the television cameras

broke with the Somali leader.

of accepting, rather than rewriting, the Grundgesetz looks politically im-probable. Sadly, Germany has politithat do not govern, and people who

put their own interests first.

Germany is far from alone in this prodicament. The Western response to the wave of violence and chaos on its doorsteps has been peculiarly schizophrenic. Public opinion demands strong action against violations of our principles and norms, our notions of international order, Yet the attention span of the public is limited, and its interest in crisis prevention, close to zero. The hard questions of what price to pay, what burden to carry, rarely: that public support for "forceful ac-tion" would quickly crumble — and bot just in Germany — once the body bags began to arrive in numbers.

Governments, in turn, mimic this public schizophrenia in their own ac-3 tions. They adopt policies that may be presented as "forceful action," without running any serious risks.

A favorite way to do this is to charge the UN, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the European Community or other international organizations with the ob - without giving them the meansto do it properly. The result has been a rapid overburdening of the UN peacekeeping and peace-enhancement machinery at a crucial time.

To belo the world back on its feet, much more than the German Constitution will have to be changed. Germany fails its international responsimany fails its international tobbilities by biding behind the Grundgesetz: Germany's partners, including the United States, fail theirs by hiding behind prerogatives:

of oational sovereignty. national order seems to be shifting from crisis prevention and conflict resolution to crisis management, from political and economic efforts to military quick fixes, from rule-based, legitimate action to unilateral strikes with only tenuous international authorization. This drift must be reversed. To do it will require a clear sense of purpose and direction, and the political will to make international cooperation and institutions work.

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have told us. The writer, a former U.S. diplomat who served in Somalia and Ethiopia in the 1970s, contributed this comment to

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO 1893: Somali Agitation

The New York Times.

ZANZIBAR - Mr. Rennell Todd. Acting Consul General, who went up to Kismayu on Monday [Feb. 6] to inquire into the causes of the recent Somali outbreak, returned here today. The Somalis had for some time been showing increasing discontent, and had become very defiant and threatening in their demeanor. Some of them made an attempt to assassinate Mr. Todd. The police of the British East Africa Company opened fire and killed several of the disaffected natives. The native portion of Kismayu was burned. The Somalis were only allowed to return to the town after signing the papers declaring their submission to the rule of the British East Africa Company,

1918: Interned Italians

LONDON - Sworn statements by British soldiers who have returned from German prison camps and hospitals show that the Italian prisoners

are being subjected to the most britisl treatment. Several were killed of wounded with bayonets and swords at one camp. They are dying at the rate of seven or eight each day from dysentery and starvation.

1943: Gandhi Is Fasting NEW DELHI - [From our New

York edition: Mohandas K. Gandhi. who has been detained for six months at the Aga Khan's palace at Posse, began a three weeks' fast this moning [Feb. 10] "as an appeal to the bighest tribunal for justice," which he said be had failed to get from the government Grandhi or get from the government. Gandhi says it will not be "a fast unto death," but merely fast according to capacity to crucily the flesh." He said be would undergothe ordeal prescribed by the creed of Satyagraha (non-violent resistance) as a last resort, to prove to the world. that innocent people are being wronged in India. The 70-year-old Indian Nationalist, bas gone through eight fasts in the last 25 years.

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Somalia: From Cold War Games to Deadly Chaos Washington — The Cold bad ruled for clight years and brad the anarchy that followed. By S. J. Hamrick

trigues, now buried in the diplomatic archives, forgotten except by those who suffer its legacy, as they do in Somalia. The tragedy in Somalia is well known, but not the diplomatic tale of misperception, naivere and duplicity that brought it about. In early 1977, Jimmy Carter hoped

to build constructive new relationships with Third World countries alienated from the United States by Cold War hostilities. Somalia seemed a promising candidate, and the opportunity was not by chance. President Mohammed Siad Barre let it be known through covert diplomatic channels that he was searching for an escape from Moscow's orbit, if only the West would hold out its hand, Mr. Carter was intrigued.

The problem jeopardizing Soviet-Somali relations was Ethiopia, where Lieutenant Colooel Mengistu Haile Mariam had toppled Haile Sclassie in 1974 and declared a socialist state. The core issue was the Ogaden, Somali-occupied pastoral lands that Western colonial powers had coded to the Selassic empire in 1948.

As a member of the world socialist community. Somalia believed that the subjugated Ogaden would soon win its freedom from an Ethiopia in chaos. A historic opportunity was at hand but denied by the Russians, who insisted that socialist solidarity must prevail over national liberation. The Ogaden Somalis would be sperificed to Colonel Mengistu's revolution.

So long as his Soviet alliance had worked to Somalia's advantage, Mr. Siad Barre was able to maintain his socialist polity, but not when it began to fail. Renunciation of the Ogaden was anathema to all Somalis. By 1977. the Ogađen was their unifying cry. The first Soviet-Ethiopian arms

agreement was signed in 1976. The 1977 Somali overture to the United

States was Mr. Siad Barre's warning

to the Soviet Union to limit its collu-

sion with Ethiopia. Moscow refused. But the Soviets had not yet moved

decisively to rescue Colonel Mengis tu's armies, who were struggling against various rebel insurgencies.

The Soviets supported strength, not weakness, a characteristic that Mr. Siad Barre often noted in comparing the Russians with the less resolute United States. He had seen how swiftly the Soviets had projected power in Angola. And the lack of a decisive Soviet response on behalf o the Ethiopians convinced the Somali

covert support for the Ogaden guerrillas while his diplomats warned of the imminent danger of "Soviet imperialism." Meeting with President Carter in June, Somalia's ambassador claimed that the Sovier Union was compelling the country "to accept Soviet begemony in the Horn."
Mr. Carter said the United States

ain and France, agreed in principle to meet Somalia's defensive needs. Mr. Siad Barre was now persuaded that be could free the Ogaden and force Moscow's hand. If, as he expected, the Soviets conceded Colonel Mengistu's weakness and remained faithful to their true socialist ally, acceptance of the Ogaden fait accompli would be negotiated be-

leader that the Russian alliance with his enemy lacked depth. Thus, Mr. Siad Barre increased his

would consider supplying defensive weapons but had no intention of

competing in an arms race. On July

15, the United States, along with Brit-

tween Somalia and Ethiopia under

Moscow's auspices. Already supporting 12,000 Ogaden guerrillas, he sent his army into the Ogaden on July 21, 1977. Within days the Ethiopians had been routed. On July 23, U.S. satellite intercepts of Somali army radio transmissions suggested that Somali army units were in the Ogaden. On Aug. 8, the U.S. offer was suspended. On Aug. 18, it was withdrawn. Refusing to admit that his army was in Ethiopia, Mr. Siad Barre flew to Moscow on Aug. 28 to strike a deal. General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev did not roceive him; For-

eign Minister Andrei Gromyko, Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin and Mikhail Suslov, the party ideologue, told him to first remove his troops. For Mr. Siad Barre, retreat was politically impossible. The army and guerrillas had overrun 97 percent of the Ogaden and the country was jubilant and fiercely united. But by September. Cuban armored troops had reinforced the Ethiopian army; the offensive would go no further.

As the stalemate continued, Mr. Siad Barre continued to bargain for U.S. arms, offering on Oct. 13 to abrogate the 1974 Soviet friendship treaty in exchange for U.S. weapons. The United States refused.

With nowhere to turn, the Somali leader continued to drift and so did the Russians. Finally, on Nov. 13, 1977, he denounced the Soviet treaty and expelled the Russians. Freed of its own indecision, the ideological impasse of two client states killing one another and the Somali leader's endless intrigues, the Soviets mounted an enormous air and sea lift to rescue Colonel Mengistu.

Mr. Siad Barre had never expected the Soviets to offer Ethiopia. Although Somali troops would not withdraw from Ethiopia until the following spring, the war was over. Despite the Somali leader's warnings of a Soviet-supported Ethiopian inva-

It was the show of strength that

sion, no U.S. arms were forthcoming. Today's chaos in Somalia began with the 1974-1976 Ethiopian revolution, which demolished the de facto U.S. Soviet detente in the Horn and brought on the bloody Ogaden war of 1977-1978. The defeat smashed the clan coalition that Mr. Siad Barre

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OPINION

Something Very Familiar About the 'New Democrat'

By George F. Will

WASHINGTON —In his first radio address from the Oval Office.
President Bill Clinton said that "for the President Bill Clinton said that Tor the last 12 years our leaders haven't completely leveled with us." Make that 13.

Mr. Clinton and his team, who used the transition to repudiate or blur campaign promises, have used their first weeks in power to slide away from the most important pledge made during the transition. The new director of the Office of Management and Budget, Leon Panetta endorsed a deficit reduction ratio of

Clinton and his team, who used the transition to blur campaign promises, are sliding away even now from the most important pledge made then.

two-thirds spending cuts to one-third tax increases. "Unrealistic" is now the word from Mr. Panetta's former Democratic colleagues in Congress. A realistic guess may be that the ratio of tax dollars raised by tax increases to dollars cut from spending will be at least 10 to one.

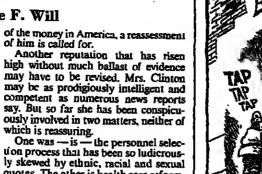
A pitched battle, we are told, rages within the administration between two factions, one wanting tax increases to cut the deficit, the other wanting spending to stimulate the economy. The predictable compromise will be: Taxes up.

spending up, the deficit up. The economy is growing; unemployment, which never got as high in the recent recession as in many others, is falling; productivity growth in 1992 was at a 20-year high; and there is the stimulus of a \$320 billion deficit. Yet the administration repeats each the \$21,150. administration wants another \$31 hillion stimulus for the \$6 trillion economy. Why? That is what "New Democrats," like old ones, do: They try to micromanage an economy moved by hil-lions of private decisions daily.

The promise of a middle-class tax cut has been supplanted by a search for slightly disguised ways of raising taxes on the middle class, as with an energy tax. Mr. Clinton says: "Before I ask working Americans to work harder and pay more, I will ask the economic elite." The operative word is "before." The campaign promise of a middle-class tax cut has become a promise that the tax increase on the middle class will come after the increase on the wealthy.

Sympathetic news reports say Mr. Clinton has "discovered" that there are not enough wealthy people to pay the government's expenses. Time out.

Is he or is he not the intellectual "policy wonk," the voracious reader of data, the unsleeping student of American society that hyperventilating jour-nalists have described? If he is just discovering that the middle class has most



quotas. The other is health care reform. the merchandising of it is already a substantial mistake.

The administration — meaning, we must in this case assume, Mrs. Clinton - has decided that the Democratic National Committee will raise money for n staff to coordinate a campaign for the plan, when there is a plan. So the plan, which is certain to be complex and hotly controversial, will be a party document

from the start. Not smart.

The loudly trumpeted first fruit of Democratic begemony over both political branches of the government is the Family and Medical Leave Act. This is an example of what can be called "mandate liberatism": If the government is strapped for funds, make the private sector spend It must have a depressing sector spend. It must have a depressing effect on job creation (especially the hiring of young women). Firms covered by the act must pay the full health insurance costs of on-leave workers, as well as the costs of any temporary replacement workers hired until the regular workers return from leave (up to 12 weeks annu-

ally, which can be taken intermittently).

And this act probably is just the thin edge of an enormous wedge. Congress may next mandate that family and medical leaves be paid. Already there are "fairness" complaints: This year's act is "unfair" to those who cannot afford to take unpaid leaves. Mandated paid leave is probably what Represenlative Maxine Waters, Democrat of California, envisions when she says that this year's act begins "a chain of new possibilities." When Mr. Clinton was asked aboot mandating paid leave, he said, ominously, "Let's take this one step at a time." Translation: Unpaid

leave is just the first step.

Critics say the administration's early actions show that it lacks sufficient adult supervision. Actually, it is off to a flying start at fulfilling the traditional destinies of old-fashioned Democrats. Those who promised "new Democrats" didn't completely level with us. Washington Post Writers Group.

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A Man's Place Used to Be, Happily, Near His Children

By Mary Frances Berry

WASHINGTON — Women are V right to feel frustrated and as-tounded that two of President Bill Clinton's selections for attorney general should have to withdraw over matters relating to child care

The nominations ran into difficulty because women still accept principal re-

MEANWHILE

sponsibility for child care. How children woman and not a man. The solution here is to establish an understanding that care is the responsibility of a father and moth-

er — as it was in early America.

Most Americans believe that this cause was first adopted in the 1960s hy feminists who wanted to change traditional family responsibilities. But mothers bave not always had primary responsibility for children. Children have historically been taken care of by fathers, mothers, wet

time ago, and Mr. Oz has changed with

time into an advocate of self-determina-

A. M. Rosenthal has undergone no

One cannot help but compare the ex-

pressions of ire and outrage that came

from Western democracies when Israel temporarily exiled Hamas terrorists to a

sympathetic Arab country, to the West's

quarter of a million Palestinian men,

It would be most helpful if someone

GRAHAME H. C. WATERS.

Bicester, Oxfordshire, England.

could please define President Clinton's

women and children 22 months ago.

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MICHAEL KAUFMAN.

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such change. In fact, he has undergone

tion for the Palestinians.

no change whatsoever.

First Husband

Outrage and Silence

nurses, nannies, boarding schools, kindergartens and nurseries.

What we call the traditional family first emerged in the middle of the 19th century, in the ideal of the white woman on a pedestal in her separate sphere of the home. The ideal became fully devel

the home. The ideal became fully developed only in this century.

Upper- and middle-class wives were usually assisted by servants. Even working-class white families had African-American maids. Until the 1950s personal service was the largest U.S. census category for female employees.

Lette 13th and 18th converses.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, American can fathers had primary responsibility for child care beyond the early nursing period. They not only directed their child dren's education and religious worship but often played with them, decided what they would eat and hushed them to sleep when they awakened in the night.

Today's trend toward increased parenting by the lather to relieve mothers from the stress of halancing jobs and child-rearing may be seen as a return to the patterns of old.

A good example of how fathers and mothers related in the 17th century can be seen in the case of Cotton Mather, the New England divine. When he or his siblings were ill at night, it was his father, Increase, who comforted them. He regarded his mother with affection, but his father was the center of his world. Charles Pinckney, a South Carolina del-egate to the Constitutional Convention, said that as an infant he "gained strength

at the breasts of domestic slaves," but it was his father who built him toys, played with him and taught him his letters.

Aaron Burr, the country's third vice president, took great pride in supervis-ing the education of his daughter Theodosia. He made sure she had proper

tutors. He also instructed her in social etiquette and the need for exercise, Research and theories of gender roles. child care and infant development encourage us to cling to the mother care tradition today despite the increased employment of women. Much of the research on gender roles and infant development reinforces existing roles. Research that does not is usually rejected because most people seek reinforcement for their

behavior, not an impetus to change. The enactment of a family leave law is a positive development. But the contro-versy over Zoë Baird and Judge Kimha Wood shows how little the mother care tradition has eroded,

If women are to enjoy equal rights and opportunities, much more needs to be done to create a tradition of shared parental responsibility for the care of their offspring.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An EC Military Role

In 1990-91, with the Gulf War and the fall of the Berlin Wall, some European politicians suggested that the European Community would become the new world superpower. Thought was given to the eventual replacement of NATO by a wholly European defense system. But the Yugoslav crisis showed Europe's pathetic weakness as a world or even

regional power. The basis of Europe's weakness is its inability to react fully and promptly to crises, due to a need for consensus that slows the decision process, and its unwillingness to act collectively, and thus

openly affirm its leadership.

Is the European Community afraid to fill the power vacuum created by the disintegration of the Soviet bloc? If so, this might have catastrophic conse-quences for Europe. Other crises (Hun-garian ethnic clashes, Kosovo and so on) will come to a head unless there is a strong EC determination to take active leadership in European affairs, accepting the possible need to use force effectively.

The United States should not get involved in European military affairs. It has little to gain and much to lose. It is also a mistake to act under cover of the United Nations, for the seriousness of the potential crises is too great for the UN, as now constituted, to handle.

We are living in a time of regional conflicts that need active leadership by regional powers. In Europe, the EC is the regional power, and it should take the responsibility to stop and control crises - even if force is required.

FERNANDO BARCIA. Paris.

Frankly Speaking

With reference to "Big Cannons Turning on the Franc" (Money Report, Feb. 6), and of many other articles writ-ten in a similar vein, should not one of your columnists warn those who speculate against the franc that they are going to lose a lot of money?

Bophuthatswana and ANC

Regarding the report "Horizons, Lost and Found: Fantasyland in African Fan-tasy Land" (Dec. 4):

The African National Congress repeatedly calls for greater "political free-dom" in Bophuthatswana, or Bop as we call it, because ANC activities are often curtailed by the authorities. But the ANC coyly keeps quiet about why it is the only active political party to be so treated, All others have all the freedoms you would expect.

The reason is that the ANC has been waging a low-intensity war, by its own admission, against all blacks who do not share its political views - in particular against the Bop authorities. Countless times the ANC has admitted, on the record, that its aim is to "topple the regime" and "bring it to its knees."

The ANC's purpose has never been to encourage free speech or free association, either in Bophuthatswana or in South Africa - unless this supports the ANC. This is the key issue. The ANC recently showed its democratic creden-

style "democracy" after it has gone out

ANTHONY MCCALL-JUDSON,

Head of Public Affairs.

Bophuthatswana International Affairs Office,

The Fall of Paris JEAN PIERRE BRUNET. Regarding "A Notable Paris Diary" (Letters, Nov. 5): The writer doubts my remark that no

one had written about the fall of Paris, one had written about the fail of Paris, from the inside, until the publication last year of my book, "The Fall of Paris: June 1940" (HarperCollins). The writer cites William L. Shirer's fine study. "The Collapse of the Third Republic." In fact, Mr. Shirer reported the war from Berlin, not Paris. My point was to find and courte eventuresses to the until story of quote eyewimesses to the untold story of what happened in Paris, day by day, in the five weeks before it fell. HERBERT R. LOTTMAN.

Editor's Note: Mr. Lottman is correct. The Shirer book amply describes the day Paris fell, but does not attempt to provide n daily chronicle of life in the French capital from May 10, when German troops invaded the Low Countries, until they marched into Paris on June 14.

A Question of Change

Regarding "Souls at Risk in a Dangerous Dance" (Opinion, Jan. 30) by A. M.

As a Palestinian, I first encountered tials by declining to participate in open elections in Bop, in case they did not win outright — which they probably would not have. The ANC wants East bloc-

A Zoo Is a Zoo Is a Zoo

role in Hillary's administration.

Regarding the report "In New York, 'Zoo' Enters the Lexicographic Doghouse" (Feb. 5): Just as Sixth Avenue remains Sixth

Avenue after half a century as Avenue of the Americas, so the Bronx Zoo will be the Bronx Zoo till the Hudson freezes over. Can anyone imagine a Manhattan cabby dropping off a fare at Central Park's Wildlife Conservation Park?

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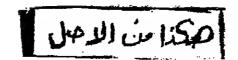
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HEALTH/SCIENCE

'Lorenzo': Nice Tale, Not Medical Fact

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service

EW YORK — The movie "Lor-enzo's Oil" tells the touching drama of bow Lorenzo's parents overcame the medical establishment's indifference and invented, by themselves, a cure for their child's rare illness. The message is that medical science has become detached from the needs of those it serves, but that individuals can leap bureaucratic impediments to find new cures with their own faith and efforts. The message is impor-tant, if true, because many medical interest groups have noted the example of AIDS activists who have argued that medical research can be inhumane and move at a snail's pace and who have succeeded in gamering federal research funds and changing drug approval poli-

cy for their disease. But facts of Lorenzo's case turn out to be significantly different from what is portrayed in the movie. According both to the movin and the account of Lorenzo's parents, Augusto and Michaela Odone of Fairfax, Virginia, they refused to accept doctors' advice that there was no hope for their boy after they were told in 1984 that he had a rare hereditary disease known as adrenoleukodystropby.

HE DISEASE, passed from symptomless mothers to their sons relentlessly destroys the sbeath around nerve fibers, impairing their ability to conduct signals. After the onset of the disease, children lose the ability to walk or talk, and death usually follows soon afterward. Although the Odones had no medical training he was an economist and she was an editor they defied the medical establishment's pessimism, read obscure medical jouroals and figured that a mixture of two natural oils, known as erucic and oleic acids, would correct an important symptom of the disease. This mixture, they and the movie assert, proved to stabilize and partly reverse Lorenzo's otherwise inevitable decline,

"Americans love a personal story," said Dr. George Annas, director of the Law, Medicine and Ethics program at Boston University. They cannot identify with a randomized climcal trial. They cannot identify with science. But they can identify with a real-life child." And when a movie dramatically conveys a message that researchers think is false and damaging,

"it's scary." Dr. Annas said.
Dr. Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Minnesota. cited what he said were "three myths" perpet-uated by the movie. First, he said, "the culture wants to believe — desperately — that cures can be found if only bureaucracy and red tape will get out of the way." Dr. Caplan said the movie "reflects the strong American belief that perseverance, hard work and love can conquer any ailment," Finally, be said, "there's the theme that mainstream science is indifferent" to the suffering of patients and their families.

"There's a scary representation of slimy, scuzzy medical researchers," be said.

Some parents who used the oil say they were hitterly disappointed with the treatment and angry that the movie depicted it as a cure. Cathy Barton of Milford, Connecticut, gave the oil to her son, to no effect. "It's not a cure," she said. "That's all there is to it." Her son died on May 9. son died on May 9.

Mrs. Barton said she was very distressed by

the movie. "My own brother called me up, not realizing Colin was on the oil, and said, 'Cathy, I don't want to upset you but there's a cure for this," she said. "There's this oil now. I'm like, 'Michael, that's what Colin was on. From October until the second week of February I was pouring that stuff down his throat." She added, "I wonder what other people are thinking who know my son died of

But the Odones say they know of many children who have been taking the oil for years and never became ill. They insist that they have found an answer for desperate parents and that researchers are doing their best to discredit the Odones because they are not scientists.

The Odones say they bope people will come away from the movie with a powerful message. Mrs. Odone said: "Our message to parents is: Realize that your interests and the doctors' interests are not parallel. You may have a motivation and a time limit that these people do not have."

The Odones' claim to have invented the oil is disputed by Dr. William B. Rizzo, a re-searcher at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, who suspected that oils might suppress certain fatty acids that build up in the blood of patients with Lorenzo's disease. He tested a variety of oils, one by one, in laboratory studies, showing that a certain class of cils, including erucic acid and oleic class of cas, including eracic acid and oreacid, could largely prevent cells from making long-chain fatty acids, the biochemical hallmark of adrenoleukodystrophy.

UT NO matter who actually discovered the oil, the real question is, does it work? Dr. Rizzo and other scientists say that although the oil does hring down the level of long chain fatty acids in the blood, a principal symptom, there is no proof yet that it changes or improves the course of the disease.

What about 14-year-old Lorenzo? Isn't he living proof that the oil at least prolonged his life? The Odones say be is, But researchers and ethicists say they are deeply troubled by the way the movie so powerfully conveys the Odones' conviction that they invented a cure for Lorenzo's disease and that traditional science was no help when parents were faced

with a suffering child.

Scientists say that they, too, desperately want to cure deadly diseases. But they find they must fall back on the painstaking pace of science, the publication of results, and the disinclination to believe aneodotal evidence to slow their own natural inclination to see benefit in new therapies, even when there is none.





Nick Nalte and Susan Sarandon as the parents and Zack O'Mallev Greenburg as Lorenzo, above, in "Lorenzo's Oil;" Augusto and Michaela Odone, the real-life parents, belaw.

After-Effects of DES: New Risks Identified

Both Sexes Found More Likely To Develop Autoimmune Diseases

By Jane E. Brody
New York Times Service

EW YORK - More than two decades ago, the alarming discovery of a rare vaginal cancer in eight young women first alerted doctors

to the dangers of prescribing the synthetic hormone diethylstilbestrol (DES) in pregnancy.

The cancers, which occurred in girls who had been exposed to DES before birth, provided the first known example in people of the induction of cancer by a substance that crossed the pla-

centa.

Now researchers say that vaginal cancer, though very serious and possibly life-threatening, could be the least of the problems linked to prenatal exposure to DES, an estrogen-like drug that was given to 3 million to 6 million pregnant women in the bope of preventing miscarriage.

Fortunately, vaginal cancer has turned out to be a less common consequence of prenatal DES exposure than the first cases suggested. Later studies showed that a girl who was a DES baby has about I chance in 1,000 of developing cancer of the vagina or cervix.

Through regular checkups, these cancers can be detected early and cured, although the treat-

ment usually results in sterility.

In recent years a host of other far more common DES-associated health problems have come to light in DES-exposed sons as well as in daughters. Most vexing, perhaps, have been various reproductive and urological abnormalities that in women impair fertility or cause miscarriage or premature births.

When DES-induced genital abnormalities are known in advance of pregnancy, doctors can often adjust obstetrical treatment to belp assure a normal hirth.

DES-exposed sons can also experience abnormal development of the reproductive organs, including missing or undescended testicles, testicular cysts, abnormally small penises and low sperm counts that can impair their ability to father a child. There has also been a suspiciously large num-

ber of cases of testicular cancer among DES sons, although the link to prenatal DES exposure has yet to be examined.

But the answer may be available within a few years as a result of \$2.9 million in federal funds that were recently allocated to underwrite further studies of health problems in DES sons as well as in daughters and their mothers,

Now, as most of the people exposed to DES before hirth reach mid-life, a more insidious hazard has become apparent: damage to the immune system that may result in an increased risk of developing autoimmune disorders.

Studies in research animals and in cells grown in laboratory dishes bave shown that DES can render certain aspects of the immune system byperactive, prompting them to turn

against the body's own tissues.

Preliminary research in DES daughters suggests that related immune problems may in-

clude a thyroid condition called Hashimoto's thyroiditis, pernicious anemia, myasthenia gra-vis (a nervous disorder that weakens muscles, especially in the face and neck), a serious intesfinal disorder called regional enteritis and pos-sihly chronic fatigue syndrome and multiple

Continuing surveillance of DES sons and daughters may reveal still further immunity-

As with vaginal cancer, the risk of developing immunological problems seems to be related to the dose and duration of DES treatment of their mothers, some of whom were given the bormonal drug from the first to the last month

It is also not yet known whether DES will cause problems in the daughters when they reach menopause, and some researchers and advocates insist that DES "babies," both men and women, be followed for life to define the possible health risks fully and possibly to re-

Meanwhile, frequent checkups of DES-exposed men and women are being urged to detect and treat any problems that might develop. Problems to be on the lookout for include breast cancer in women and prostate problems

in men as they age.

Thus far, nearly 600 cases of DES-related cancers of the vagina or cervix have been re-ported to a national registry. Affected women and girls have ranged in age from 7 to 31, with the peak incidence of cancer occurring at the age of 19, or before most of the young women would have tried to have children.

One frequent sign of possible cancer in a DES daughter is excessive vaginal discharge or vaginal bleeding, but experts caution that cancer can be present even in women with no

By now everyone who had experienced prenatal exposure to DES should be at least 19, since the Food and Drug Administration banned the use of the drug during pregnancy in 1973. And hy now all the DES daughters should have been examined at least once and preferahly several times by a gynecologist familiar with

F they have not been checked, no more time should be wasted in getting a thorough pelvic examination, including inspection of the exteroal genital organs and the inside of the vagina, a Pap smear of the cervix, iodine staining of the vaginal lining and cervix and examination with an instrument called a colposcope that can reveal telltale cellular changes in the vagina.

Experts suggest that the examination be done. once a year, or more often if ahnormalities are

DES sons are far less likely than daughters to have had any examination (or effects of the hormone. But experts say they should also be examined by a urologist for genital abnormalities, as well as for testicular cancer, which is-curable in 95 percent of cases if detected early.

IN BRIEF

Assailed by an Awful Smell? Yes, You Can Block It .

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - American scientists have found a protein in the nose that is responsible for turning off the ability to smell

The protein's presence is thought to be the reason the first whiff of wine or perfume seems the most intense after which the scent seems to diminish, they said. Writing in this week's issue of Science magazine, the scientists from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore said the pro-tein, called beta ARK-2, is present in nerve cells of the nose and may also be important in desensitizing cells to hormones and drugs.

The scientists said beta ARK-2 can completely inactivate the ability to smell an odor in 1/10th second. It usually takes a person 1/20th of a second to smell an odor.

The discovery of this protein might lead to better drugs for Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, asthma, and congestive heart failure, the researchers said.

Pentecostals Top Charts When It Comes to the Blues

WASHINGTON (WP) - The rate of major depression among Pentecostal Christians is three times higher than among members of other religious groups, according to a study of 2,850 North Carolina residents. But whether this means that Pentecostal sects, a form of conservative Christianity that usually features speaking in tongues, attract more depressed people or whether the prevalence of depression reflects a franker acknowledgement of emotional difficulties among Pentecostals, the au-

thors can't say.

The study, led by Keith G. Meador, assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, is one of the few to examina religious affiliation and mental health. Dr. Meador and his co-authors, who published their results in the December issue of the journal Hospital and Community Psychiatry, used data from a large study sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health.

Researchers divided the survey respondents into six categories: mainline Protestant (which included Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopalian, African Methodist Episcopal and Quaker); conservative Protestant (including Baptist and Seventh Day Adventist); Roman Catholic; Pentecostals (Church of God, Assembly of God); other (Unitarian, Jewish, Greek Orthodox, Muslim) and no religion (those who

had no preference or refused to answer). The age, race, socioeconomic status and gen-der distribution of the group reflected the pop-ulation of North Carolina. The authors found the rate of serious depression in the previous six months among Pentecostal Christians was 5.4 percent, compared to 1.7 percent for the entire

"One possible explanation for the increased prevalence of major depression among Pente-costals is that these groups frequently emphasize charismatic forms of bealing and supernatural cures for illness," the authors write. Therefore, they hypothesize, "religiously inclined persons experiencing the pain and distress of major depression might seek out such

Vitamin A Reduces Deaths Among Third World Children

LONDON (Reuters) - An inexpensive and easily administered vitamin could cut deaths in children in the developing world by a third, according to research published on Friday.

Vitamin A, found in cod liver oil and carrots,

has long been recognized as a treatment for certain types of hlindness. But a study, led by researchers at the Medical School, University of Queensland, Herston, Australia, suggested the vitamin had a beneficial effect on people suffering from infectious diseases such as measles. The first field report on the benefits of vitamin A against child malnutrition came from India in 1990, and as long ago as 1984, a Johns Hopkins University researcher reported that the vitaman could help cut Third World

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Strokes May Be a Cause in Elderly Dementia

By Sandy Rovner Washington Post Serrice

ASHINGTON - Swedish research may be challenging widely held assumptions about the cause of deteriorating mental functions in very old patients with a study showing that strokes account for more problems than does Alzheimer's disease.

The study found that a series of small strokes, which do not obviously incapacitate a patient and which the patient may not even be aware of, can interfere with the flow of blood to the hrain and cause symptoms of dementia, which may be misidentified as Alzheimer's dis-

The study, published in the Jan. 21 New England Journal of Medicine, suggests that individuals over 85 should be vigorously treated for disorders, such as high blood pressure, that place them at risk for strokes. Currently, routine treatment for patients who are at risk tends to drop off after a parient is in his mid-70s. brain." The accumulation of these mini attacks according to specialists.
Once the brain cells have been damaged, they

University of Washington Medical Center in

Scattle who wrote an editorial accompanying

cannot be restored, no matter what the cause. The results of the study should galvanize the bealth-care community into finding new ways to prevent strokes in older individuals, according to Eric B. Larson, medical director of the

the journal study. Swedish researchers, headed by Ingman Skoog of the Sahlgrenska Hospital in Gothen-burg, examined 494 men and women in the town who were 85 years old. Gothenburg resi-

dents have been part of a larger, ongoing study of aging for 15 years. Dr. Skoog's research found about one-third, 147 individuals, with signs of dementia. Further tests, including CT scans, determined that 43.5 percent had probable Alzheimer's disease and 46.9 percent had vascular dementia, caused by

on the brain is what can cause dementia. With the growth of the older population,

many physicians have focused on Alzheimer's disease as the probable cause of most dementia. But a positive diagnosis can only be made after death by examining the hrain ussue. Probables Alzheimer's is diagnosed in living patients after everything else — about 60 disorders — that can cause dementia is ruled out. The other disorders include not only strokes hut also drugreactions, substance abuse, depression, tumors and Parkinson's disease.

Alzheimer's is a progressive, degenerative disease in which brain cells die through a process still not fully understood.

In 1989, a Harvard study by Denis Evans documented the incidence of dementia in 3,800 individuals over 65 in East Boston. He found that 47 percent of the participants over 85 showed signs of dementia and that as many as 80 percent of them were believed to have Alzheimer's disease.

Getting to Heart of Unrequited Love

a series of small strokes. It was once erroneous-

ly known as "hardening of the arteries of the

By Daniel Goleman New York Times Service

EW YORK — Since Young Werther died from it and Cyrano de Bergerac was so noble about it, unrequited love has been one of the great themes of literature and drama. Now, at last, unrequited love is getting sys-

The first studies to look at the two sides of unrequited love -- the would-be lover and the rejecter - show there is pain on both sides and, surprisingly, the rejecter often suffers just as much as the rejected.

tematic scrutiny from psychologists.

And in studying the dynamics of love that goes unreturned, psychologists are gaining greater understanding of common hurdles in the sometimes tortuous route to finding a "We rarely hear about the agony of those

who are the target of an unwanted love," said Dr. Roy Baumeister, a psychologist at Case Western Reserve University who has done much of the new research. "Literature and film almost always tell the story from the viewpoint of the rejected lover. But both rejecters and would-be lovers can end up feeling like victims."

The experience of unrequited love - not just a minor crush, but an intense, passionate yearning - is virtually universal at some point in life. Dr. Baumeister and Sara Wotman, a graduate student, found in a study of 155 men and women that only about 2 percent had never loved someone who spurned them, or found themselves the object of a romantic passion they did not reciprocate. Their findings will be published later this year in The Journal of Personality and Social

Despite the eventual heartbreak that is the destiny of the unrequited lover, by and large. the incidents revealed that there was often more unhappiness on the part of the person

pursued than on the pursuer.

The unrequited lovers spoke of hope and passion before the final disillusionment; those who spurned them told of an initial flattery that soon gave way to bewilderment, guilt and anger at an intrusive, relentless

Evaluating the emotional ups and downs in accounts of more than 200 incidents of unre-

Men, it seems, experience it more often than women.

quited love, Dr. Baumeister found that unpleasant emotions like frustration, anger, anxiety, or guilt were mentioned about a third more often in the accounts told by those who had been pursued than in those whose

pursuit was futile. Moreover, despite their rejection, most pursuers said they still held a soft spot in their

hearts for those who had spurned their love.

Typical was a tale told by a college woman
who spent one summer living in a coed dormitory.

There was onn young man whom no one liked, and whom she felt sorry for," said Dr. Banmeister. "One night she and some friends were playing Parcheesi in the basement, and she invited him to join them. He apparently misinterpreted this kindness as romantie interest on her part, and began following her around telling her how much he liked her. She was horrified, but didn't want to hurt his feelings, so she never told him how uninterested in him she was, nor how upset his

The inability to tell an undesired suitor that there is no bope is very common, Dr. Baumeister found. "The rejecter usually feels guilty and doesn't know how to say 'No' without hurting the pursuer." he said. "So the most common tactic is to lie low, continue to be nice, and wait, hoping the infatuation will fade. It's like a conspiracy of silence, where one person doesn't want to openly speak rejecting words and the other doesn't want to

That strategy, bowever, feeds the fantasies of romance of the would-be lover, and so inadvertently encourages pursuit. "People send mixed messages, saying to the unwanted lover something like, "You're a nice person, and I'd like to be your friend, but I don't want to get into a relationship just now," said Dr. Baumeister. "Even when telling the would-be

lover the bad news, the rejectors often sugar-coat the rejection with conciliatory words." The would-be lover sometimes seizes on the positive side of the message, remaining bopeful. Moreover, for most people it is clearer how one goes about wooing someone than

how to spurn someone gracefully. "The aspiring lover has many guidelines for pursuit — what to say, how to let them know you like them — and wby to keep going despite an initial cold reaction," said Dr.

What makes a man or woman desirable, of course, is a complex and highly personal mix of many qualities and traits. But among those, a few stand out as more potent than

Many researchers have found, perhaps to no one's surprise, that in seeking a mate men are drawn more by physical beauty and women hy the earning potential of their partners. Men are more likely than women to fall in

love with someone who does not return their feelings, Dr. Baumeister's study found, by a ratio of about three to two.

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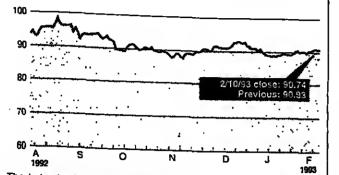
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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Schwab Goes Mid-Atlantic

By Erik Ipsen
International Herald Tribune
LONDON — Charles
Schwah, the self-styled champion of the small investor and the founder of the largest U.S. discount stockbrokerage, opened his firm's first European office Wednesday in, of all things, a palatial town house in the heart

of ultra-affluent Mayfair.

Targeting "American expatriates and sophisticated Brits,"

Mr. Schwah said the aim of his new offshoot, Charles Schwab Ltd., was to "make it easy for investors to participate in the U.S. market," with 24-hour access to its New York trading center by toll-free phone.

Among those wishing Schwab well is its arch-rival in the American market, Fidelity Brokerage. "We hope Schwah invests heavily here," said Mark Collier, managing director of Fidelity's five-year-old British arm. "It will help spread awareness of what a discount broker is."

Both firms see big opportuni-des in the simple statistic that only 7.5 percent of Europeans own stocks. Indeed, Mr. Schwab called this an offense against common sense. "You have to be virtually crazy not to invest in equities," he added.

Mr. Schwab also said that the "revolution in personal financial services" that began in the Unit-

By Howard Kurtz

Woshington Past Service
WASHINGTON — With one brief, fiery

truck crash, NBC may have sent much of its

credibility up in flames, television executives

Condemnation was nearly universal after the disclosure that "Dateline NBC" had placed incendiary devices on a General Motors pickup truck to ensure that it would catch fire during a

crash test that aired in November. The use of

the remote-controlled toy rocket engines was disclosed in a lawsuit filed by GM on Monday.

NBC officials, who argue that using the devices is standard procedure in crash tests, re-treated behind a curtain of "no comments"

and media analysts say.

ed States 20 years ago has lagged in Britain. He pointed out that British investors still cannot buy no-load mutual funds, those that charge oo commission. He intends to remedy this situation by offering a menu of 600 such

In Europe, as in America, Schwab's flagship offering will

The U.S. discount broker aims to stimulate two-way traffic from a

London base.

be its Schwab One Account, which offers discount brokerage services plus charge-card and check-writing features. In Eu-rope it will be called Schwab One International Account, requiring an opening balance of \$10,000

and an annual fee of \$100. All Schwab accounts will initially be in U.S. dollars and offer only U.S. investments. "We are going to crawl before we walk."
Mr. Schwah explained. Next year, however, he plans to open offices in Frankfurt and Paris and add European stocks.

That will be followed in 1995 with memberships in all major European stock exchanges. At that point, Mr. Schwab predicted that his customers would be able "to buy on any exchange in any currency, around the globe around the clock."

Schwab's European strategy is virtually the opposite of Fideli-ty's. Fidelity opened its first in-ternational office five years ago, not in London but in rural Kent, serving. British investors huving serving British investors buying British shares. It was only last September that it added U.S. stocks. At the same time it added

shares in 11 European markets.
Fidelity has a staff of 50 in
Britain, handling calls from Europe, the Middle East and Africa. It also has started selling services to European institutions.

Schwab, on the other hand, has a staff of four in London backed up by 300 people in its European trading center in New

Schwah also sees growth coming from American investors huying European equines. At present its customers have only 7 percent of their funds in internanonal share funds.

"This is not a one-way street," Mr. Schwah said. "We'd like to get more Americans to invest in Britain and other European

Germany Voices Fears Of 'Longer Downswing'

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune
BONN — The German government formally ahandoned on Wednesday earlier rosy forecasts for growth and said a variety of ills afflicting German competitiveness risk becoming chronic if they are not treated soon

In its annual report for 1993, the Economics Ministry fell in line with private sector predictions ranging between zero growth and a contraction of 0.5 percent. The report also foresees an inflation rate

of 3.5 percent. of 3.5 percent.

"At the start of the new year, it looks like the risk of a more serious and longer downswing in West German industrial production demands greater weight than the chance of a quick change followed by powerful growth," the report said

The government's prediction that the number of unemployed in all of Germany would peak at 3.4 million, however, was outdated before it was in print. Other elements of the report were also crinicized as

being too soft.
Wolfgang Roth, a leading official of the opposition Social Democratic Party, noted that the ministry's jobless figure had already been surpassed in January and he

ment for the year would be 3.7 to reduce the corporate tax burden.

Overall, Günter Rexrodt, who many is in a recession, but rather saying that it is the government's and wage restraint and increased task to make sure this recession investments. does not become the worst since World War II. The last recession

occurred in 1982.
Mr. Rexrodt welcomed a moderate 3.5 percent wage deal by the country's public sector workers last week as "the right sign at the right

had commissioned him to draft a manded a return to the 40-hour master plan for securing Germany's longer-term competitiveness.

work week as well as an older age for retirement. Many West Germany's longer-term competitiveness.

The plan, to be unveiled in Sepals to speed up the privatization of

selectively deregulate industry and ources said.

Critics noted that the governbecame economics minister in mid-ment's economic assessment in January, presented a sobering many points, particularly regarding snapshot of an economy on the rocks, no longer denying that Ger- a successful conclusion of a socalled solidarity paet uniting fiscal

> Chancellor Helmut Kohl has been trying to hammer out the solidarity pact for months, but has run up against stiff opposition from unions, who are being asked to sacrifice gains made in the past. Indeed, Klaus Murmann, presi

dent of the German Employers He also announced the cabinet Federation, on Wednesday defor retirement. Many West Ger-man contract workers are schedtember, will likely include propos- uled to shift this year to a 36-hour work week from a 37-bour week the West German transportation last year, but employers are seeking industry, including the airline a postponement or reversal of the Lufthansa, airports and harbors, to deal.

A New Hammer Blow Hits European Steel

Krupp to Close One of Its Mills

BONN — The slump in the European steel industry claimed another victim on Wednesday when Fried. Krupp AG Hoesch-Krupp, Germany's second-largest steel group, announced plans to close one of its two mills.

The company said that it had not decided which of the mills -Rheinhausen or Dortmund - would be shut down, but said that it would have a decision by the end of the month.

Local officials of the powerful IG Metall labor union immediately called for the 24,800 steelworkers at Krupp to walk out on Feb. 17, recalling the massive worker protests in 1988 when Krupp closed one of Rheinhausen's two blast furnaces.

Hans-Wilhelm Grasshoff, chairman of Hoesch Stahl AG, which will merge later this year with Krupp Stahl AG, said the group needed to cut monthly crude steel output hy as much as 150,000 tons and concentrate steel operations in one mill.

The news comes as the European Community moves slowly toward a rescue plan for the steel industry, which is going through its worst crisis in a decade.

The Bonn government said it was confident that the EC Commission would have at least a rough draft of a plan ready when the EC Industry Council meets to discuss the sector's woes on Feb. 25. But Germany, caught between the need to slash superfluous jobs in the East and calls for new subsidies to help West Germany's steelworkers, made it clear that it could do very little.

"Since unification, the reconstruction of East Germany clearly has priority," Economics Minister Günter Rexrodt told the legislature in a debate on the steel crisis Wednesday.

"This and the extremely tight budget limit the government's possibilities to help Western regions in the same way it did in the last

Mr. Rexrodt, turning to another EC naooo's steel industry trou-hles, said Spain must make big cuts in production capacity through "appropriate plant closures" in exchange for any restructuring aid

for its state-owned steelmakers. He said EC industry ministers were still negotiating a Spanish request for oew aid totaling around 9 billion Deutsche marks (\$5.4

billion) to modernize steel operations in the Basque country. West German steelmakers estimate that as many as 30,000 jobswill be lost in the next three years as companies cut costs and

One NBC official said that Mr. Gartner was not consulted about the crash test but that 'Dateline" producers did not consider it staging. The official, who asked not to be identified, said

viewers were told that the test was "unscientific." The NBC News president said "Dateline" made no mention of the incendiary devices because its experts concluded that the fire was caused by a spark from the broken headlight of

why NBC failed to disclose that its dramatic footage involved the use of spark-producing devices. An NBC policy manual says flatty that "staging of any kind is prohibited." The rule can only be waived by the NBC News president, Michael Gartner.

devices is standard procedure in safety tests. Vincent Brannigan, a professor at the University of Maryland's Department of Fire Protection Engineering, says, "When you are doing fire testing, you always use igniters. All fire tests use igniters."

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The real journalistic question, analysts say, is

Crash Put NBC's Image in Intensive Care

Tuesday. But many of the network's reporters

and producers were privately wincing over the

The issue, media rubberneckers say, is not whether the 1973-1987 GM trucks are unsafe; a

jury last week ordered the company to pay \$105.2 million to the parents of a 17-year-old who died in a crash involving such a truck.

Nor is the issue whether using incendiary

high-impact embarrassment.

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LONDON - The administrator of the collapsed Polly Peck International conglomerate filed suit against Citibank on Wednesday to recover £75 million (\$107 million) it says the company's former chair-man diverted to his own ac-count using the bank as the

from that administers Polly Peck, charges that £75 million of a total of £371 million allegedly misappropriated by Asil Nadir, Polly Peck's former chairman, was transferred through Citibank in London to his private account in a Citibank branch in Zurich.

The suit, in the High Court in Loudon, names Cifibank NA, Citibank (Switzerland) AG and Confidas Finance & Placement SA, which provides financial and trust services for

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family trust. Mr. Nadir has faced a variety of criminal and civil charges in the case. (AP, AFP)

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

EC Girds for Fight on U.S. Car Taxes Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Japanese imports must "be levied if all the cars sold by a maker

GENEVA - The European Community plans to call a formal dispute panel to discuss U.S. car taxes that it says discriminate against imports, the bloc told the ruling council of GATT, the world trade organization, on Wednesday.

Trade sources said the EC had stopped short of summoning the panel, which can make a binding ruling, hut expects to do so at the next council meeting in March. Meanwhile, in Brussels oo Wednesday, a senior EC Commission official urged Japan to cut its car exports to the EC this year to assessed. reflect a slump in the market or risk

provoking a new trade crisis.

scaled down so as to prevent distur-bance of the market," said Jorg Wenzel, the chief aide to Industry Commissioner Martin Bangemann. As for the U.S. taxes, the EC says

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they were levied in such a way as to impose additional costs on European imports, but oot on locally made models.

One of them is a 10 percent levy on cars costing more than \$30,000. on cars costing more than \$30,000. The Internal Revenue Service said

Another tax, set by the Corpo-

rate Average Fuel Economy law, is

dollar would be acceptable. The

remarks echoed earlier strong-yen comments from another official at

Dealers said the comments from

the MITI official convinced many

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the yen higher as a relatively easy way of deflecting criticism from the United States and the European

Community over its huge trade sur-

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accounted for \$102.5 million. A huyer of any car that gets less

than 22.5 mpg in city and country driving has to pay a third fee, the gas-guzzler tax, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,700.

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Carter Hawley's New Tack: **Lights! Action! Marketing!** Polly Peck

movie,' says David

Dworkin.

ONDON - David Dworkin, who will take the reins at Carter Hawley Hale Inc. on April 1, wants to boost the U.S. retailer's market share and sales using the 83 department stores it operates oow. "It's like making a movie," the 49-year-old Mr. Dworkin said of the changes he plans at the Los Angeles-based store chain.

In California, where Carter Hawley gets 85 percent of its sales, Mr. Dworkin will work with "well-known trading names, excellent 'It's like making a

store locations" and a valuable "customer franchise." All that's missing he said, "is a strong toerchandising and marketing strategy." he said, after resigning as chief executive of Storehouse PLC to become ehief executive officer of Carter Hawley.

His decision to quit Storehouse is a blow to the British retailing group, which is at a crucial stage of a recovery program, analysts said.

Mr. Dworkin declined to give Carter Hawley's current market share, but said he would not need to reduce its 16 million square

Mr. Dworkin declined to give Carter Hawley's current market share, but said he would not need to reduce its 16 million square feet (1.44 million square meters) of space, although remodeling and recovations may be necessary.

Charges that Carter Hawley, which emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Oct. 8, hasn't kept pace with its customers for 10 years are "accurate," Mr. Dworkin said, conceding that its stores are "very dowdy and confocused."

"Many of the stores coed to be updated and the merchandise needs to be rethought," he said.

That might mean whittling down the number of products sold or the types of customers targeted by Carter Hawley Hale. "They refer to themselves as a middle-market department store focused on families," but that needs to become "a lot more focused," he said.

He will use his experience at Storehouse, where he revived an ailing retailer despite Britain's worst recession since the 1930s, as a model for Carter Hawley. Storehouse management "analyzed the bell out of the compeniuso" and undertook extensive research of its customers using focus groups, he said.

The downturn in the California economy doesn't faze Mr. Dworkin. "It's very weak obviously, but we've been operating in England in a terrible, terrible recession," he said.

The company will keep the names Broadway, Broadway Southwest, Emporium and Weinstocks. "The idea was to keep the strength of those trading names," Mr. Dworkin said. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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The British food and electronics conglomerate ran into trouble in September 1990. It suspended trading in its stock after its shares plunged 55 per-cent in value on news that fraud investigators had raided the office of an investment company linked to the Nadir

Yen Remains Strong After MITI Remarks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The yen re-mained strong Wednesday, amid speculation that the Group of Sev-en industrial nations will try to curb ballooning Japanese exports by strengthening the currency.

The dollar ended in New York at 121.24 yen, only slightly higher than 121.175 at the close on Tues-day, which had represented a sharp gain for the yen. Earlier Wednes-day, in London, the Deutsche mark

Traders said the yen received a boost from comments by the vice minister for international affairs at Ministry of International Trade and Industry. He said comparisons of Japanese and U.S. inflation suggested that a yen rate of 11g per

plus. The G-7 will meet Feb. 27 in A stronger yen would make Jap-anese exports more expensive slipped to 72.885 yen from 73.465. abroad, and could reduce its growing trade surplus. The Japanese current-account surplus rose to more than \$118 billion in 1992 from \$78 billion in 1991.

But John Lyman, senior dealer at Bank of Tokyo, said, "The stronger yen is a "knee-jerk reaction to Bentsen's meeting this weekend and the G-7 meeting later this mouth." Theory Secretary Lind month." Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen's scheduled meeting with Japanese and German finance ministers this Friday and Saturday has raised concern about possible cooperative efforts to boost the yen, analysts said.

Mr. Lyman said the yen's rise "looked attractive to funds and speculators who expected it to keep

moving."
But Earl Johnson, a vice president at Harris Bankcorp in Chicago, said, The Japanese economy is dead in See YEN, Page 12

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Bond Rally Sags, Blue Chips Slip

NEW YORK - Blue chips slipped Wednesday amid concerns

of gas and that's sending a warning signal to the stock market," said

N.Y. Stocks

Don Hays, investment strategist at Wheat First Butcher & Singer.
The Dow Jones Industrial Aver-. age fell for the third straight day as the index slid 2.16 points to 3.412.42. The Dow reached a session low of 3,394.86 after the U.S. Trea-

sury said the \$10.75 billion auction of 10-year notes drew an average yield of 6.33 percent, indicating that Co., which fell 1% to 52 after the demand was not as strong as some stock was removed from the buy expected for the second leg of the list at Dean Witter Reynolds. quarterly refunding.
The benchmark 30-year bond fell about 3/4 of a point when the auction results were announced as industry's report that demand

the yield rose 5 basis points to 7.25 soared in January. percent, the highest level since Jan.

26. The \$35.5 billion Treasury auc
Motorola Inc. rose 2½ to 55%, and tion started Tuesday with the sale Texas Instruments Inc. advanced of \$15.5 billion of three-year notes, to 53%, and will end Thursday with the sale GM g of \$9.75 billion of 30-year bonds. "If the 30-year auction is disappointing, interest rates are going to pickup truck."

go higher," said Hugh Johnson. in vestment strategist et First Alban Corp. "As interest rates move high that the three-week rally in Trea- er, investors' appetite for stocks de sury bonds was coming to a close. clines and the outlook for corpo

But the broad stock market was higher.

The bond market's running out rate earnings darkens."

Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 0.89 to 446.22. The Nasdac Combined Composite index ender its three-day slide by rising 2.84 to 695.05.

Advancing common stocks out oumber declining issues by a nar row margin on the Big Board Trading was active, with about 25

million shares changing hands.

Overall, the stock market wa cautious as investors waited for President Bill Clinton's State of the Union address next week.

The decline in the Dow indus trials was led by Eastman Kodal Semiconductor and cable stock rallied while shares of semiconduc

GM gained % to 49% after NBC News settled a lawsuit over its de

YEN: Support Comes From MITI

(Continued from first finance page) the water and doesn't justify a stronger yen. I don't believe the meeting on Friday is going to lead to any statements about a stronger yen."
The dollar has fallen almost 5 yen

Foreign Exchange

since Jan. 15. It hit a record low of 118.65 yen at the end of September. The dollar rose in New York: It ended at 1.6605 DM, up from 1.6538; at 1.5385 Swiss francs, up from 1.5320, and at 5.6146 French

francs, up from 5.6012.
The British pound eased to \$1.4237 from \$1.4305.

The Bundesbank left the outlook for German rates as opaque as ever after accepting a lowest rate of 8.50 percent at Wednesday morning's

repurchase tender. That was just basis points lower than last week rate, and nowhere near as big as the 0.25 percentage point cut seen is the discount rate. Analysts sugges ed that the German central bank was sticking to its policy of reluc

tant easing.
Such rejuctance from the Bunde bank would do little to ease tension in the exchange-rate mechanism o the European Monetary System, an alysts said. They noted that Belgian money rates had to rise again Wednesday to rally the franc from its early lows. The Belgian franc ended at 20.6445 per mark, compared with 20.6785 Tuesday.

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NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Robert Abrams, New York's attorney general, said Wednesday that he had filed a federal antitrust suit targeting Kraft General Foods' \$450 million acquisition in early January of RJR Nabisco Inc.'s cold cereal business.

Mr. Abrams said at a news conference that the acquisition by Kraft, the food unit of Philip Morris Cos., would decrease competition in an industry that is already noncompetitive and thus violates federal antitrust laws. An analysis of cereal prices showed an increase of 71 percent in the past eight years, compared with a 37 percent increase in the price of overall food products consumed at home, he said. Nabisco's cereal prices have surged even more during the eight-year period, he added.

Coca-Cola Unveils New Ad Campaign

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Coca-Cola Co. unveiled Wednesday its first new advertising campaign in four years for its flagship soft drink, marking its first collaborative effort with Creative Artists Agency, the Reverty Hills California talent account.

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Coca-Cola introduced a new theme, "Always Coca-Cola," the first slogan change since 1989, when the beverage giant switched to "You can't beat the real thing" from "You can't beat the feeling."

CAA, considered the most powerful talent agency in Hollywood, has built its reputation by packaging its sought-after actors, directors and writers and presenting them to a stadio. In recent months, CAA has been expanding beyond the talent agency business. Besides signing on with Coca-Cola, it entered into a marketing agreement with Nike Inc.

AT&T Accuses Rivals of Secret Deals

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Telephone and Telegraph Co. sought damages Wednesday from three competing long distance companies that AT&T says violated the law in secret deals with customers. It is the latest volley in AT&T's battle with MCI, Sprint and other companies over public disclosure, AT&T says it is required to tell the Federal Communications Commission more about its contracts than are its ripuls. The battle is over business contracts who make individual its rivals. The battle is over business customers who make individual contracts worth millions of dollars for long distance service tailored to their particular needs.

CBS Inc. Reports a Profit for 1992

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — CBS Inc. said Wednesday its fourth-quarter earnings more than tripled and that it posted a profit for 1992 in contrast to a loss a year earlier.

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The company said quarterly earnings climbed to \$33.3 million from \$9.4 million a year earlier as its network results improved almost to the break-even level, more than offsetting lower profits in the television stations and redictions. stations and radio divisions. For the year, CBS carned \$81 million in contrast to a loss of \$85.8 million in 1991.

(Bloomhers AP)

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Moody's Investors Service reduced the senior long-term debt ratings of ITT Corp. and ITT Financial Corp. on concern about recent transfers of capital from ITT to its units and doubts about ITT Financial's current course.

The credit agency lowered ratings on the debt to "A3" from "A2." Moody's also cut the short-term rating on ITT Corp.'s commercial paper to "Prime-2" from "Prime-1." About \$8 billion of long-term debt is affected by the ratings change.

New York Times Reports 1992 Loss NEW YORK (NYT) — New York Times Co. has reported a fourth-

quarter loss of \$3.7 million, after recording a profit of \$34.6 million a year ago. It posted a net loss of \$44.7 million for the year, compared with at profit of \$47 million in 1991.

The losses resulted from several accounting changes, as well as several special factors that were previously disclosed, the company said.

BANK: French Move Raises Chance of More European Cooperation

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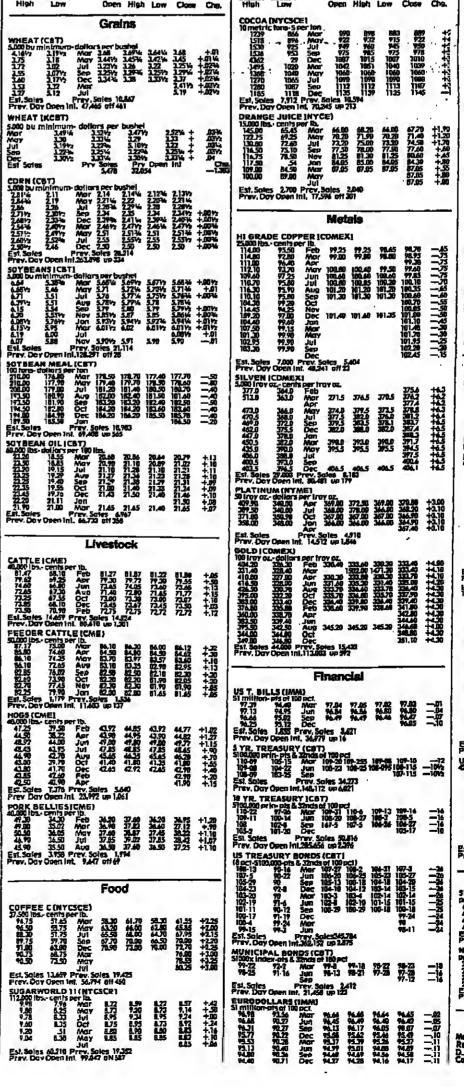
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Insurer's Big Issue Hits London Stocks

LONDON - Commercial Union PLC, one of Britain's largest insurance companies, announced a rights issue of £428 million (\$612.5 million) oo Wednesday amid stock market fears that more jumbo issues may be in the pipeline.

Tony Brend, chief executive of

Commercial Union, said the issue would let the group pursue "oppor-tunities for profitable growth both in Britain and internationally."

Under the terms of the issue, the company plans to issue 29.4 million new shares, offering shareholders one new share at 490 pence for every five already held.

The company said that operating profit before taxes in 1992 was £31.4 million, compared with a loss of £68.6 million in 1991.

The Commercial Union issue is the third large cash call to be made by a major company this year. Asda Group PLC, the supermarket chain, and the Burton Group PLC. the clothing retailer, bave already

made large rights issues.

Although the oew issue itself was well received as Commercial Union shares rose 10 pence to 608 pence, the Londoo market fell mainly on fears that large demands are being made on investors for fresh cash. The FTSE-100 index lost 14.90 points or 0.50 percent to 2,816.40.

Analysts said they expected it would become more and more difficult for companies to raise casb this year because the government will also be aggressively seeking funds to meet its burgeoning hudget deficit.

Analysts noted that the share price of a rival insurer, General Accident PLC, had fallen 5.3 percent, or 32 pence, to 565 pence amid concern that this company may also launch an issue.

"Many people feel that GA has been beaten to the post by this rights issue, but Commercial Union has been optimistic and the first to come forward." said Mi-chael Sherley-Dale, an insurance analyst at Natwest Securities.

Commercial Union said that proceeds from the rights issue would be used to increase the company's capital base and finance growth in life and general insurance operations.

"Significant opportunities for profitable growth exist in insurance markets and additional funds will be needed to enable the group to take full advantage of these," the insurer said. "The increased resources may also be used to finance acquisitions where these fil the group's strategic aims."

Mr. Sherley-Dale said that 'firms like Commercial Union might start targeting the market more aggressively and go after lower quality business as has bappened in the United States."

Leyland DAF's Rescue Plan

Breakup of Truck Maker's British Unit Seen as Likely

LONDON — Receivers for Leyland DAF, the British unit of the collapsed truck maker DAF NV, outlined a rescue strategy Wednesday under which some sites will be closed and many of the 5,500 jobs will be eliminated.

A spokesman for the receivers, John Talbot and Murdoch McKillop of the Arthur Andersen ac-counting firm, said Leyland DAF was likely to be broken up. Mr. McKillop had given an outline of the plan in an interview with the Financial Times. He said talk of an outside buyer for all or part of

CAR Inc. of the United States and Hino Motors Ltd. of Japan, was very premature. He said no formal approaches had been made. In Amsterdam, DAF's lead creditor bank, ABN AMRO Holding NV, said a crucial capital injec-

Leyland DAF, such as the rumored hids by PAC-

tion would not be agreed upon until the company's business plan had been seen and approved. An ABN AMRO spokesman said speculation that the banks refused to pledge fresh capital was

of f-base, because the money had never been agreed

on in the first place. Dutch press reports had indicated that 100 million guilders (\$54 million) in risk-bearing capital DAF NV sought court protection from creditors in the Netherlands on Feb. 2. The sixth-largest European truck maker broke down under the weight of an ambitious product upgrading and expansion plan while sales slumped.

The Dutch receivers have set a deadline of Feb. 27 for their plan to establish a "New DAF" com-pany comprising the core truck-making activioes, and the Dutch economics minister, Koos Andriessen, has pledged to provide 200 million guilders to set up the new company.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Andriessen said

New DAF would eventually have to join forces

with another producer in survive. Mr. McKillop said the Dutch plan could make good sense, and the British team hoped to persuade their Dutch colleagues to include the Leyland light trucks operations into the new core.

The British receivers will develop this plan further in a meeting with the Dutch administrators later this week. At the Leyland plant some 2,200 people are

employed, but only half of them are involved in truck assembly, the rest in component production, product development and administration. The Birmingham van plant, employing some 2,000, is under a bigger threat, the receivers ac-

Michelin Shares Slump as European Sales Sag

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches PARIS - Michelin shares tumbled Wednesday after the French tiremaker, the world's largest, announced that sales fell 1.2 percent in 1992 after a satisfactory performance in the United States failed to offset a slump in Europe.

Most analysis had predicted flat to slightly higher sales.

Consolidated sales fell 1.2 percent to 66.8 billion francs (\$11.94 billion) in 1992 and dropped 7.6 percent io the second half of the

The company's attributable net profit in 1992 may be as much as 40 percent less than the 1.2 billioo to 1.6 billion francs previously estimated, some analysts said. Michelin's stock dropped 4.5

percent to 187.40 francs. Despite the problems, a strengthening dollar and an im-provement in the U.S. tire market, where Michelin generates 35 percent of its sales, would maintain 1992 profit at about 1 billion francs, analysts said.

would cut their profit forecast for 1993 by similar margins. company could extend temporary company could extend temporary layoffs that bad begun at the end of the stronger than we had expectable last year if the market does not 1993 by similar margins.

even stronger than we had expected," said an analyst at Cholet-Dupont, which had predicted a 1992 attributable net profit of 1.3 billion francs. He expected to cut his 1992 forecast at least 30 percent and the

1993 forecast even more. Michelin reported an attributable oet loss of 699 million francs sales of perfumes and cosmetics in 1991 and a loss of 4.81 billion rose 12.6 percent in 1992, while francs in 1990 when the company Some analysts who were cutting restructured to face a tightening drinks fell.

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improve. Among other major French compaoies reporting results on Wednesday, LVMH Moet Hen-nessy Louis Vuitton SA said that group sales fell 1.78 percent to 21.66 billion francs in 1992. It said rose 12.6 percent in 1992, while sales of leather goods and alcoholic

maker, said it would report a oet loss for 1992, its parent company posted a oet profit of 82 million francs in 1991 and the group re-

Hagen Gets Nedlloyd's Assurances

Bloomberg Business News OSLO - The Norwegian invesior Torstein Hagen has been as-sured by Nedlloyd NV's supervisory board that the company was not the buyer of his 5 percent stake, Mr. Hagen Wednesday. Mr. Hagen's statemeot was

made after reports that his oil and bad sold the shares to the pension fund on Jan. 7. Mr. Hagen said he met with all members of the Dutch marine transportation company's supervisory board "during which it was confirmed upon DNO's ques-tion that Nedlloyd wouldn't be the buyer of the shares."

A Nedlloyd spokesman said Mr. Hagen's statement was correct.
"In fact, Nedlloyd NV wasn't the

buyer of Hagen's 5 percent stake. Nedlloyd's pension fund was, and the two are not one and the same,"

Tor Olav Troim, DNO's manag-ing director, said Mr. Hagen had asked Nedlloyd's board because "the terms of the sale were so generous." He said they were led to believe Goldman Sachs was both the buyer of the shares and the payer of any sums under the sale agreement.

"It oow appears to me that the purpose of this construction was in hide the real buyer from us," Mr.

Hagen said. On Tuesday, Nedlloyd's pension fund said the sale agreement involved a one-time premium of as much as 5 guilders per share to Mr. Hagen. The pension fund bought about 1.1 million shares, which means it will pay a maximum of 5.5

million guilders (\$3 million).

At the time of the sale of Mr. Hagen's stake, the Norwegian investor was in dispute with Nedlloyd's supervisory board on which be held a seat. The only way be could be forced to resign from the board was if he reduced his holding corded a loss of 67.8 million francs. in Nedlloyd to below 10 percent, (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP) which he did by selling his stake.



Very briefly:

 Lombo PLC, the British conglomerate, has named the German proper ty developer Dieter Bock co-chief executive with Roland (Tiny) Rowland. Fondiaria SpA, a Florence-based Italian insurance company, has named Carlo Sama as president; Alfonso Scarpa, managing director, has resigned and will be replaced by Arrigo Bianchi di Lavagna.

 ABB Asea Brown Boveri AG agreed to sell its broadcasting equipment and electron tube business to Thomson-CSF for an undisclosed amount. • Julius Meinl AG, the Austrian supermarket chain, is to be delisted from the Vienna exchange, and the main shareholder will offer 700 schillings (\$60) a share to buy out the g percent of minority shareholders.

· Belgium's main oil refineries in Antwerp halted production for the third consecutive day because of a strike, and workers at a fourth plant joined the action at the three strike-bound plants.

 Kanfhof Holding AG, a German retail group, said sales rose to 20.3 billion Deutsche marks (\$12 billion) in 1992 from 18 billion DM in 1991. Banque Bruxelles Lambert SA confirmed reports that Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA and Royale Belge SA would remain shareholders in the bank for up to five years.

 Cathay International Investment Co., the company set up in 1988 by the Chinese entrepreocur Wu Zhen Tao, is to acquire Stonehill Holdings PLC for £51.7 million (\$74 million).

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(Continued from page 1) world ecocomy and the boge health charges. But in operations, Ford officials conceded that after years of leadership in Europe, its opera-

tions there were the company's trouble spot last year and lost \$1.1 billion. Since 1990, Ford has been laying off workers to reduce manpower from 115,000 to 85,000 this year. The company took a charge of \$419

Ford took over as a prestige opera-

tion and is trying to turn around.

FORD: No. 2 Automaker Reports a Record Annual Loss of \$7.4 Billion "The results can be summed up by saying that it's mostly Jaguar and Great Britain for Europe," said David McCammon, the treasurer, in Detroit. He declined to predict that Ford of Europe would return to profitability this year, because of continuing sales declines for the

But Ms. Keller said things would have been better if Ford had woken up earlier. "They were the king of million in the last quarter to pay for the reductions. The other identifi-able large loss was about \$400 mil-invest any money and didn't notice lion in Jaguar of Britain, which that GM. Pengeot, even Renault were reorganizing and catching up

■ Profit Up at GM Units Two of General Motors Corp.'s

nonautomotive divisions reported increases io 1992 oet profit Wednesday, even though the automaker itself is bracing for a buge loss, Bloomberg Business News re-ported from Dallas, Electronic Data Systems Corp.,

GM's data processing and information technology division, report- previous year. ed an 18 percent increase in profit for 1992. General Motors Acceptance Corp., the automaker's credit divi-

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ing special charges. But including the charges, GMAC's profit dropped to \$936.1 million from \$1.37 billion for 1991. EDS said profit rose to \$635.5 million, or \$1.33 a share, from

\$547.5 million, or \$1.14 a share, in Revenue for the year increased to \$8.2 billion from \$7.1 billion the

For the fourth quarter, EDS reported a 14 percent increase in profit to \$178 million, or 37 cents a share, from \$155.9 million, or 33 sion, reported that profit increased cents as 22 percent to \$1.24 billion, excludcents a share, for the fourth quarter

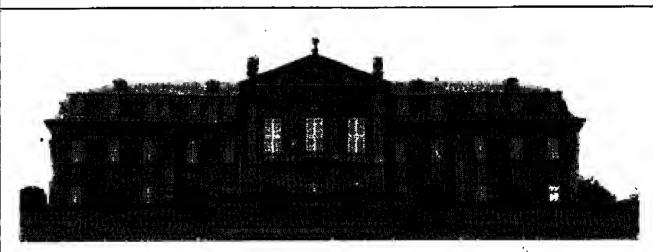
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BURGSCHEIDUNGEN CASTLE

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The Burgscheidungen Castle, a combination of renaissance and baroque architecture, is one of the oldest and most beautiful castles in the German state of Sachsen-Anhalt. The castle was designed by the famous David Schatz from Leipzig and includes a descending sculpture garden with park and fruit orchards. The castle property is located on the top of a hill overlooking the town of Burgscheidungen and the surrounding rolling hill landscape. The property size is appr. 93,400 m2. Burgscheidungen is located not far from cities such as Halle and Leipzig to the north and Weimar, Jena and Naumburg to the south.

The property's accommodation facilities consist of appr. 40 rooms (100 beds) in the castle and an additional 90 single rooms in an adjacent building. For dining and entertainment, the castle offers many dining rooms with over 220 places, a wine cellar with 100 places and other facilities providing an additional 150 places. For conferences and seminars the castle is fully equipped with 5 small and 6 large conference rooms, a large auditorium with stage (180 places), and a wonderful ball room (200 places). Recreation facilities at the castle itself include a fitness room, sauna and swimming pool. The rich surrounding landscape of Burgscheidungen is perfect for hiking and horsebackriding.

The castle is immediately available and ready for operation. The castle is ideal for use as a conference center, training center, seminar hotel, hotel and casino, boarding school or private university, or health center with spa. All reasonable concepts will be considered.



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De Beers Price Rise Makes a Statement

LONDON - South Africa's De to the market that De Beers is still Beers announced a small rise in control," said an Ord Minnett Wednesday in rough diamond prices, which analysts said was to show the market that De Beers was still in control and had fended off

threats from Russia and Angola The Central Selling Organiza-tion, the London-based marketing arm of De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd., said it would increase prices for rough gem diamonds by 1.5 percent overall from Feb. 15.

De Beers, which controls 80 percent of the world's market in rough diamonds, cited increased demand. mining analyst, Graham Birch.

A revamping of Russia's diamond industry last year after a deal between Moscow and the breakaway republic of Yakutia, along with a flow of smuggled Angolan diamonds, had led to talk of a threat to De Beers's dominance.

A De Beers spokesman said heavy rains and resumed fighting between Angola's government and smuggled diamonds to a trickle.

Ruble-DM Trade Starts On Moscow Exchange

MOSCOW - Russia started a weekly ruble-Deutsche mark exchange service on Wednesday to facilitate trade with Germany. but only a tiny amount changed hands at the inaugural session. A mere 1.98 million DM (\$1.2 million) was traded at the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange, which already holds dollar-ruble trading sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Exchange officials said they were confident volume would rise. One official said he expected an increase in turnover to 20 million DM over the next month.

"The dollar started some time ago with a turnover of \$60,000 and only two or three participants," said Alexander Zakharov, the Moscow exchange chairman. Volume has grown to between \$45 million and \$85 million in recent sessions.

Mr. Zakharov said the introduction of ruble-DM trading would make it easier for Russian businessmen to trade with Germany.

NASDAC prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000

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HONG KONG — Hungry to taste China's economic fruit and bored with local opportunities, in-westors flocked to the share offer-ing in the China-based carmaker. Denway Investment Ltd., and brokers said Wednesday that the issue was likely to be at least 500 times

Hong Kong's newest "China concept" stock sent banks and regulators scurrying to meet a record cash call.

In a now-familiar sceoario spurred by southern China's redhot growth, investors doled out bilhot growth, investors doled out bil-lions of dollars for the chance to buy into a 402 million Hong Kong dollar (\$52 million) offer by Den-way. The company makes Peugeot cars and other vehicles with French and Chinese pastners. and Chinese partners across the border in Guangdong province.

Checks poured in as a noon subscription deadline loomed for the 330 million shares, priced at 1.22 dollars each, nudging banks' overnight lending rate toward 5 percent and forcing official intervention.

The government's Exchange Fund, fearing a liquidity squeeze, injected 650 million dollars into what dealers called a confused and at times frenzied credit market.

Brokers said the popularity of "China concept" stocks reflected the need to keep ahead of Hong Kong's 10 percent inflation, and disenchantment with local stock and real estate markets soured by a lingering Chinese-British dispute.

Separately, Peace Mark (Holdings) Limited, one of Hong Kong's leading watch makers, announced that its public offering of shares was 56 times oversubscribed. At the subscription price of 1 per share, about 2 billion dollars has been received from the public and Peace Mark employees, the compa-(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Next Takes the Next Step

Canon Says It May Buy Hardware Business

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches

TOKYO - Canon Inc., the camera and office equipment maker, said Wednesday that it may not decide uo til May whether it will buy the hardware business of Next Computer Inc.

Next said Tuesday that it would stop making computer workstations and concentrate instead on its Nextstep operating system software and that it was selling the hardware business to Canon, for an undisclosed amount. Canon had previously invested \$120 million in equity in Next, and another \$55

million in debt. It holds 16.67 percent of Next.
"We understand we could work really hard for the oext few years and emerge as a good second-tier hardware company," said Steven P. Jobs, chairman and chief executive of Next, which is based in Redwood City. California, He noted that the company had showed its first operating profit in the fourth quarter. "But people are telling us there are just three competitors for the software and we have a chance to be a first-tier software company," he said. Microsoft Corp. and Taligent, the joint venture

between Apple Computer Inc. and International Business Machines Inc., are working on object-oriented operating system software of their own. But these projects are still at an early stage while Next step has been on the market since 1988, when

the Next work station was first shipped.

Next has reportedly been holding software licensing talks with Hewlett-Packard Co. for use in Hewlett-Packard's workstations, but Mr. Jobs declined to comment on those reports.

While Next's aleek, black workstation was praised for its ergonomics and industrial design, it oow seriously lags behind competing products in processing power. Nextstep has emerged as the company's real

strength. Because of its object-oriented program-

ming, a modular approach to software design that makes it easier to re-use or modify large chunks of

software code, Nextstep is finding favor among medium-size and large organizations. By May, Nextstep will be available in a version to run on personal computers using Intel Corp.'s microprocessors, Mr. Jobs said. (Reuters, NYT)

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Once in China, the gas would be shipped to energy-hungry Japan. The pipeline would cost several billion dollars to build, the executive said, but he had no details.

He called the pipeline "a new

linked Europe and China through the casis towns of Central Asia, for centuries the main conduit of spices and silks, and Marco Polo's route to the court of Kublai Khan. People's Daily said.

The project came up Tuesday when Prime Minister Li Peng of China met Minoru Makihara, pres-ident of Mitsubishi, the official

Toyota Falls Back **But Stays in Profit**

By Steven Brull

International Herald Tribune
TOKYO—Japanese automakers
breathed easier Wednesday after
learning that the Big Three U.S. car
companies had decided not to file an anti-dumping suit on imports, but their mood was quickly sobered by Toyota Motor Corp.'s announce-ment that its half-year pretax in-come had slumped 22.3 percent.

Analysts were impressed that Japan's higgest and most efficient automaker managed to show a profit despite a sharp slowdown in domestic sales. During the six months through Dec. 31, the first half of the business year, pretax profit totaled 162.34 billion (\$1.34 billion) yen on sales of 4.56 trillion yen, up 2.9 percent.

Like other automakers, Toyota has pared costs by streamlining pro-duction processes and trimming personnel expenses. But others have not fared so well - Japan's No. 2 automaker, Nissan Motor Co., for exam-

ple has slipped into the red.

If sluggish market conditions worsen, however, Toyota, as the leanest manufacturer, could be forced to take harsher cost-cutting measures such as layoffs.

"They're doing a very good job production increase managing the downturn," said Pe-

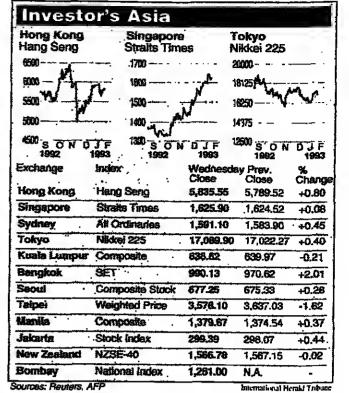
ter Boardman, an analyst at UBS
Phillips & Drew. "But the question
is how many fewer cars will be
bought next year."

Japan's recession depressed domestic sales by 8.6 percent to 1.097
million units in the first half, and
there are few sims that consumers there are few signs that consumers will become more active before the business year ends June 30. Few analysts concur with industry estimates that sales will rise slightly this year. "They'll be lucky if the decline is only 4 percent." Mr. Boardman said.

Toyota, for its part, is predicting revenue of 9 trillion yen for the full year to June 30, implying a slow-down in the second half, and pretax profit of 300 billion yen.

A report issued Wednesday by the Economic Planning Agency seemed to confirm the pessimism. It said the economy remained in a slump, as both consumers and corporations hold back on spending.

Voluntary restraints on exports to the United States and political pressure to cap sales in Europe will prevent Toyota from boosting exports much. For the first half, exports rose only 0.4 percent to 861,000 units, although overseas production increased to 385,820



Very briefly:

w Alcatel Alsthom is setting up a subsidiary, Alcatel Network Systems Viet-Nam, to make telephone exchanges in cooperation with the Vietnamese telecommunications authority.

Air France signed a cooperation accord to be a partner of Vietnam Airlines: the Alcatel and Air France accords coincided with the visit to Hanoi of President François Mitterrand.

Thailand authorized Hopewell Holdings Ltd. of Hong Kong to start constructing a mass transit system for Bangkok valued at \$3.2 billion.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia said that operating profit in the last half of 1992 rose 5 percent from a year earlier to 236.4 million Australian dollars (\$161.1 million) due to lower bad debt provisions and lower costs.

· Westpac Bank, as part of its effort to reduce debt, sold its holdings of shares and convertible ootes in Challenge Bank for 14 million Australian dollars (\$9.4 millioo).

Nippon Oil Co. said it planned to start commercial production of liquefied natural gas in Malaysia beginning in 1988 in cooperation with Petronas, the state oil firm, and Occidental Petroleum Corp.

AFP, AFX, Reuters, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder

Mitsubishi, China to Study Pipeline

BELIING - Mitsubishi Corp. said Wednesday that it and China would do a feasibility study for an ambitious 6,700-kilometer (4,200mile) natural gas pipeline that would run from the former Soviet republic of Turkmenistan to west-

gas fields of Turkmenistan in Central Asia through Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan to the Chinese region of Xinjiang, a Beijing-based Mitsubi-shi executive said Wednesday.

Silk Road." The original Silk Road

McDonald's Has No Beef, Yet, With New India Venture almost certainly be barred from the menu. cleared Tuesday by the committee on foreign NEW DELHI -- Mutton burgers, anyone? "Nobody serves beef burgers in India,"

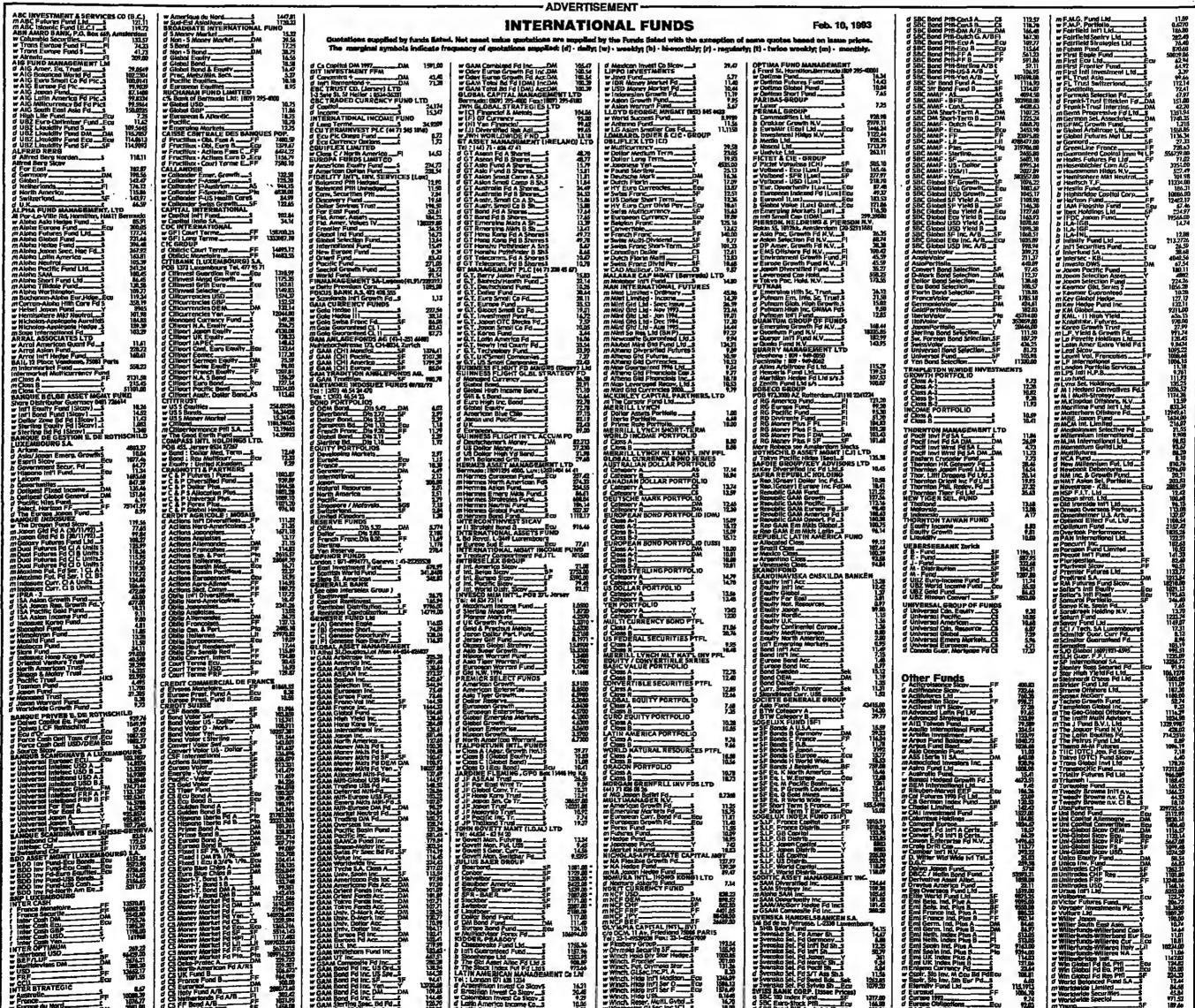
The government has cleared a proposal said Navneet Sethi, a senior manager of from McDonald's Corp. to set up a chain of restaurants in India in collaboration with an unidentified Indian partner. But given the prohibition against slaugh-tering or consuming beef among the majority Hindus, industry observers said the beef bur-

gers consumed in most of the world would

Wimpy Fast Foods India Pvt., which sells mutton, chicken and fish burgers. "McDonald's will probably have to compromise on that product line considering the situation." The government announced that the Me-Donald's proposal was among 25, worth 1.62 billion rupees (almost \$55 million), that were

investments.

There are hundreds of Indian-owned fast food restaurants, but only one foreign operator has been allowed to set up shop to date: Wimpy's, the British chain, which has two restaurants in New Delhi. The government said the McDonald's chain would be operated with an Indian partner and local franchi-



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A Close Call for Indiana: 2 Overtimes at Penn State

The Associated Press

Bobby Knight's first visit to State College, Pennsylvania, with his Indiana basketball team wasn't, such a lark after all.

Helped by a controversial call, the top-ranked Hoosiers tied Penn State in the closing seconds of regulation, then needed two overtimes to beat the Lions, 88-84, on a jumper by freshman Brian Evans.

"If I was a fan, and I'm not, I'd be rooting for Penn State because next two to tie it at 68 and force they deserved to win," said Knight, overtime. who talked disparagingly about "camping trips" to remote State College after Penn State was admitted to the Big Ten Conference.

The controversial call against Penn State belped Indiana over-come a 68-64 deficit in the final half-minute of regulation Tuesday night. With 17 seconds left and Penn State leading, 68-66, Greg Bartram broke away from Chris Reynolds for a lay-up, but was charged with a foul for pushing off.

tram's jersey. Had the call gone the other way, an intentional foul could bave been called against Reynolds. And that would have sent Bartram, a 71 percent freethrow shooter, to the line for two shots and would have given Penn State the ball after the free throws.

worked it to Greg Graham in the left corner. Bartram was charged with fouling Graham as he took a 3-point shot with three-tenths of a second remaining, giving the Indi-ana player three free throws. Graham missed the first, but made the

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Penn State got the last shot in the first overtime, but it was an air ball, and the Nittany Lions hurt themselves in the second overtime by making only three of eight free

With 6.5 seconds left in the second extra period. Evans hit a baseline jumper to give the Hoosiers an 86-84 lead with his only basket of the game. Bartram then threw a long in-bounds pass that was intercepted hy Damon Bailey, who was But television replays showed was fouled and made two free that Reynolds bad grabbed Bar-throws with 1.4 seconds remaining to clinch the victory.

Indiana, which beat Penn State hy 48 points on Jan. 9, improved to 21-2 overall and 10-0 in the Big

Ten. Penn State fell to 6-12, 1-8. Calbert Cheaney scored 24 points for Indiana, including 10 in the extra periods. He had to points

Instead, Indiana got the ball be- in the first nine minutes of the neath Penn State's basket and game, but the Lions' zone defense collapsed on him the rest of regula-

> Penn State's Michael Jennings scored 22 points but missed three of four free throws in the second overtime. Penn State outshot Indi-ana from the field 63 percent to 45

No. 6 North Carolina 77, Maryland 63: North Carolina's coach, Dean Smith, moved into a tie for third place on the all-time victory list with No. 759 as the Tar Heels overcame an early 11-point deficit in College Park. Maryland, to move a half-game ahead of Florida State atop the Atlantic Coast Conference standings. Eric Montross led the Tar Heels (19-3, 8-2) with 17 points; Exree Hipp scored 16 for Maryland (10-10, 1-9). Smith pulled even with Ed Did-

dle, who won 759 games in 42 seasons with Western Kentucky, and moved within eight victories of second-place Hank Iba. No. 19 Seton Hall 91, No. 17

Pittsburgh 73: Arturas Karnishovas, who played for the Lithuanian Olympic team last summer, had a career-high 32 points in East Rutherford, New Jersey. The Pirates (17-6, 7-4 Big East) had lost five of seven; the Panthers (14-5, 7-5) lost for the third time in four games.



THE OLD FOLKS - Five of the eight stars of yesteryear who were elected this week to the Basketball Hall of Fame, (from left) Ann. Meyers, Julius Erving, Dick McGuire, Calvin Murphy and Bill Walton, hammed it up with a ball for the photographers in New York.

Fired Coach

At Cal Calls

There are no skeletons in the closet,

no ongoing NCAA investigation of violations," Campanelli said Tues-

dny at a news conference be called.

nounced the day before by Cal's

athletic director, Bob Bockrath.

Todd Bozeman, an assistant coach, was named interim head coach.

Campanelli, 54, had a 123-108 record in seven-plus years at Cal, which gained the NCAA tourna, ment in 1990 and three National Institution Tournaments.

Campanelli's firing was an-

Schrempf Is First All-Star From Europe In the NBA

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Detlef Schrempf, the first European chosen as an NBA All-Star, is among five players who will make their debut as All-Stars oo Feb. 21 in

Another first is the absence of a player from the Boston Celtics or

Los Angeles Lakers,
Since the first All-Star game was
played in 1951, the Celtics and
Lakers, with a combined 27 NBA
ebampionships, have had at least one representaive each year. This time they are among 10 teams with no players selected as a starter.

In fact, the only times just one of the two teams was represented on the All-Star team were in 1978 when oo Lakers were named and 1979 when no Celtics were selected. Picked for the first time, along

with Schrempf, a German Olympian from the Indiana Pacers, were Scan Elliott of San Antonio, Shawn Kemp of Seattle, Danny Manning of the Los Angeles Clippers and Mitch Richmond of Sacramento. Schrempf will play for the East and the other four for the West.

"I feel very honored, also a little surprised, because I thought the way we have been playing as a team lately was hurting everybody's chances to make the All-Star team," Schrempf said.

Also chosen as All-Star reserves by the Eastern Conference coaches

DENNIS THE MENACE

Joining the four All-Star firsttimers as West backups were Chris Mullin and Tim Hardaway of Golden State, Dan Majerle of Phoenix and Hakeem Olajuwon of Houston. Mullin will not play in the game because of an injury to his

Nance.

right thumb. The starters for both conferences were voted on by the fans. Starting

PEANUTS

Cleveland teammates - Mark land Trail Blazers) and John Stock-

wards Larry Johnson (Charlotte Hornets) and Scottle Pippen (Chicago Bulls), guards Micbael Jordan (Chicago) and Isiah Thomas (Detroit), and Shaquille O'Neal (Orlando) at center.

All-Star games, but O'Neal, the Magic's rookie sensation, got more than 200,000 more votes than did for the West will be forwards Ewing. Asked about O'Neal's start-Charles Barkley (Phoenix) and ing at center as a rookie instead of

great year. I'm just happy to have year coach, will coach the West, been selected."

Jackson, coach of the Chicago Bulls (32-15), is ineligible because he was an All-Star coach last sea-

Spurs 112, Clippers 97: First-place San Antonio stayed a game in

consecutive wins at home. Danny Manning led the Clippers

with 25 points, but only seven came

points or more 11 times during the current hot streak, led by 11 going kins' 38 points.

It 'Unjust' was almost lost in a sea of fans as the Dallas Cow-OAKLAND - Lou Campanelli, fired suddenly as the University of California's basketball coach, has called his dismissal "unprecedented, unwarranted and unjust." "I want to make it perfectly clear

boys were showered in a blizzard of confetti. footballs and streamers by about 400,000 persons lining downtown streets for the city's first championship parade in more than a decade, But more than two dozen people were injured, with 16 were taken to area hospitals, as fights broke out. Fourteen persons were arrested. mostly teenagers, police said. There was at least one incident of gunfire and several stabbings, authori-

ties reported.

A Good Time

Turned Bad

Linebacker Ken Norton

Invitation Tournaments. He had signed a five-year coninto the fourth quarter and extended tract extension last June, which the margin to as many as 21 points. Bockrath said would be honored. Dale Ellis scored 20 points, in-Campanelli had been very succluding three 3-pointers that made cessful recruiting the last two seahim the Spurs' single-season team sons, especially in landing Jason record-holder with 68, one more than Kidd of nearby Alameda, the coun-Mike Dunleavy had in 1982-83.

try's most highly touted freshman. The team, ranked as high as No. 19 after a 5-0 start, was 10-7 overall Jazz 119, Kings 114: Karl Malone had 36 points and 11 rebounds and Jeff Malone scored 23 points and 4-5 in the Pacific-10 Conferon 11-for-14 shooting as Utah ended a five-game road losing streak with a victory at Sacramento.

Hawks 125, Warriors 114: Atlangram," and had been mulling over Bockrath said he was unhapov with the "direction of the program," and had been mulling over

ta won at Golden State, handing the decision to fire Campanelli for the Warriors their seventh consecu- a few weeks. "I don't think be anticipated this tive loss behind Dominique Wil-(AP, NYT) happening," Bockrath said.

Bure Sets Canucks' Goal Mark

2 Give Russian 46 for Season

The Associated Press Pavel Bure is back on track for the Vancouver Canucks.

Bure, the Russian speedster nicknamed the Rocket, was on cruise control beading into last weekend's All-Star break and had been held scoreless for five straight games.

But the dry spell ended Tuesday night in Quebec when the secondyear forward scored his 45th and 46th goals in Vancouver's 5-1 vic-

NHL HIGHLIGHTS

tory over the Nordiques, who lost their second straight home game. His 46th goal — into an empty net with just over two minutes to play — broke Tony Tanti's 1983-84 club record for goals in a season.

We played well, we won the game and everybody's happy. Bure-

said. "If I score like this every game, I'm going to be really happy."
Garry Valk also scored two goals and Anatoli Semenov added a goal for the Canucks.

Flyers 8, Senators 1: In Philadel-phia Eric Lindros got back on the ice, and his team got back in the win column.

After missing 12 games with a knee injury. Lindros returned and scored two goals as the Flyers snaped a five-game winless streak.
"We were all really fired up,"
said Kevin Dineen, who had three
goals for the Flyers. "Eric adds a
lot of depth to this feam. He's a big part of it."

Lindros, who was acquitted of assault charges in Canada on Monday, scored goals in the first and third periods. He has 23 goals this

"My timing was off a little bit, but that happens when you have three weeks off," Lindros said. "I felt prety good. My conditioning is down a fittle bit, but that's to be expected." to everyone. I was not fired for any abborrent behavior or immorality. Ottawa remained winless on the road this season, falling to 0-27-0.

"We were absolutely pathetic," Senators coach Rick Bowness said. "The score is indicative of the

Oilers 6, Kings 3: In Los Angeles, Petr Klima and Dave Manson set each other up for power-play goals and Brent Gilchrist had a goal and an assist as Edmonton extended the Kings' winless streak to five.
It was the Oilers' first win in five

tries against the Kings this season. Wayne Gretzky failed to score for the 13th consecutive game, the longest drought of his 14-year NHL career. But he got two assists without a point for the first time as a pro.

Bruins 6, Blues 1: Making his first appearance in St. Louis since being fired by the Blues in May. Brian Sutter coached Boston to a F win over his former team. Adam Oates and Joe Juneau each had a goal and two assists as the Bruins ended the Blues' seven-game un-beaten streak (5-0-2). Sutter, the wirmingest coach in Blues' history, got a big cheer when he was introduced before the game.

were Joe Dumars of Detroit, Pat- Karl Malone (Utah Jazz), ceoter him, Ewing said: "Shaq's having a Paul Westphal, Phoenix's firstrick Ewing of New York, Domi- David Robinson (San Antonio) nique Wilkins of Atlanta and three and guards Clyde Drexler (Port-

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Starting for the East will be for-

Ewing had started the last three

HOW DID EVERYTHING GO

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It will be Riley's ninth All-Star appearance, having coached the in the second balf. Western Conference eight times when he was with the Los Angeles

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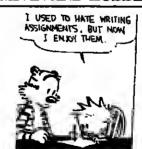
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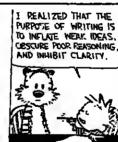
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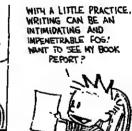
hy the Knicks' Pat Riley, who will front of Utah in the Midwest Divi-coach the East squad because the scondbest record in the conference, Phil blocked shots against Los Angeles. The victory was the 15th in 16 games for the Spurs, including 12

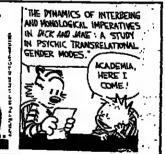
The Spurs, who have won by 10

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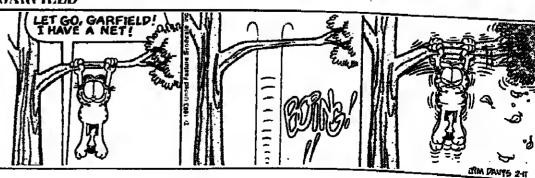




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SPORTS SECTION

Fight Hopes Take Beating Bowe, Lewis Camps Battle to No Decision

By William Gildea and Colleen Dumont

Washington Past Service

Hopes for a blockbuster heavyweight title fight June
18 between Riddick Bowe and Lennox Lewis in Las
Vegas have suffered a setback with Lewis's representatives rejecting what Bowe's manager, Rock Newman, said was a \$10 million offer, and Newman rejecting

said was a \$10 million offer, and Newman rejecting counterproposals by the Lewis people.

"I think no matter what we do, they wouldn't want to do it," a disappointed-sounding Newman said Tuesday night after a meeting in New York that lasted less than two hours. Newman left open the possibility that the consesses could not reach an agreethat the opposing camps could yet reach an agree-ment, but clearly the optimism that he had shown earlier in the day had waned.

Dan Duva, Lewis's promoter, said in a statement:

"They never offered us \$10 million." But he held out hope hy adding: "We left the meeting with the impression that everyone would think about it."

Kathy Duva, speaking for her husband, contended that Newman's offer was not "guaranteed." According to Newman, the Lewis camp counterproposed that the fighters split \$12 million, with the winner getting another \$20 million. In that scenario, Lewis appeared to be willing to risk ending up with less money — \$6 million instead of the \$10 million Newman offered—

under his own proposal.

Newman called the Lewis idea "convoluted," but said he would continue to communicate with Dan Duva. Relations between Newman and Lewis's man-

ager, Frank Maloney, are cool at best.

Kathy Duva said that the Lewis counteroffer called for Bowe to receive \$17 million to \$10 million for Lewis. A Lewis news conference was called for

SIDELINES

The speakers included New York Mayor David

Dinkins and Leroy Walker, president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, while Andrew Young, a former United Nations ambassador, delivered the eulogy.

Among the pallbearers were former French Open champion Yannick Noah and three of Ashe's Davis Cup teammates: Stan Smith, Charlie Pasarell and

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Bartholomay, chairman of the board of directors of the Atlanta Braves, will lead major league baseball's search for a new commis-

The owners' committee will consist of Jackie Autry

of California, Paul Beeston of Toronto, Doug Dan-forth of Pittsburgh, Fred Kuhlmann of St. Louis, Carl

Pohlad of Minnesota, Haywood Sullivan of Boston

First baseman John Olerud and lett-hander David

Wells agreed to one-year contracts with the Toronto

Blue Jays. Wells accepted \$2.05 million, a cut of

\$13,000, but has the chance to make \$100,000 more in

performance bonuses. Olerud agreed to \$1,487,500,

Lester Piggott, 57, the British jockey nearly killed by a fall last autumn, returned to racing Wednesday hnt failed to win in four starts in Dubai. (AP)

Vittorio Malingri of Italy became the latest to pull out of the Vendee yacht race Wednesday when his

rudder snapped. (AFP)
Chana Porpaoin of Thailand dethroned Hideyaki
Chashi of Japan as the WBA straw-weight champion

Wednesday, winning by decision in their 12-round

more than triple the \$387,500 he made last season.

Baseball's Search Begins

sioner, officials announced Wednesday.

and Fred Wilpon of the New York Mets.

For the Record

fight in Tokyo.

Wednesday in New York,
"If Rock Newman is serious about paying Lennox Lewis a \$10 million purse," Dan Duva's statement read. The will arrive at the Lennox Lewis press conference with a contract from the Nevada State Athletic Commission ... to Lennox Lewis for a \$10 million purse. If he were to do that, Lewis and Maloney would sign it right there."

After the meeting, Newman said that Bowe had told him, "Why can't you go at them with an offer they can't refuse?" Newman said he believed he was doing that with the \$10 million offer.

"Riddick says he wants his oext fight to be Lennox, so we're here," said Newman. "Maloney might not want this fight, but Lewis does."

Newman said he suggested a total winner-take-all near the end of the talks, but that the Lewis side said it would get back to them about that. Statements hy both Bowe and Lewis, that they wanted to fight the other, set off Tuesday night's meeting among their representatives and those of Time Warner Sports, which would show the potentially record-grossing fight on pay-per-view television.

Bowe has a six-fight deal potentially worth \$100 million with Time Warner Sports. At least three of the fights have to be major pay-per-view events, with the others being shown on Home Box Office. If Newman can't line up Lewis, the No. 2 choice for pay-per-view in the spring is the former heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield. Otherwise, Newman may have to settle for a lesser opponent for an HBO showing.

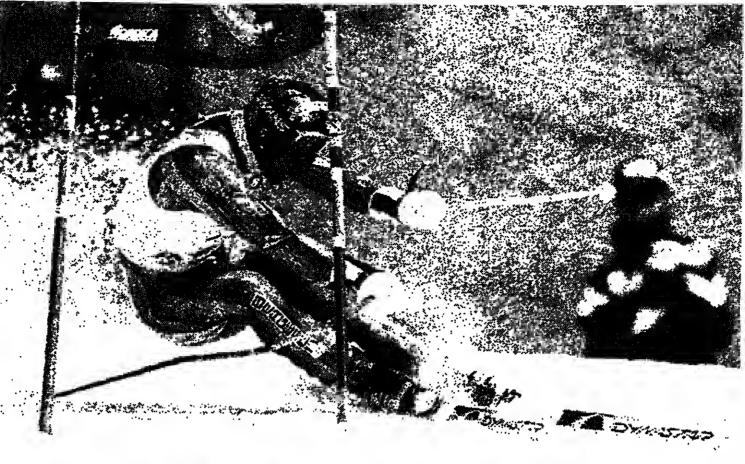
Bowe (33-0, 28 knockouts) holds the World Boxing.

heavyweight titles, while Lewis (22-0, 19 knockouts) has the World Boxing Council title.

Bowe is seeking a spring opponent because Ray Mercer, who had the date, lost on the undercard of Bowe's 2-minute 19-second demolition of the washedup Michael Dokes on Saturday night in New York. That was the first of Bowe's six-fight deal with Time Warner.

Lewis was guaranteed \$9.7 million to fight Tony
Tucker in May. But Dan Duva reiterated Tuesday that
the Lewis-Tucker contract had not been signed even though promoter Don King announced the fight last Friday in New York.

Tucker could be dropped if Newman made an offer that would satisfy Lewis. If that occurred, Lewis might be stripped by the WBC for oot fighting its No. 1 contender, Tucker. Bowe was stripped earlier by the WBC for not defending first against Lewis.



Kjetil Andre Aamoutt of Norway became a double medalist as he flew down the course to beat Rainer Salzgeber of Anstria by nearly a second.

Thousands Mourn Ashe RICHMOND, Virginia (AP) - Arthur Ashe, who spent a lifetime battling racism on the way to becom-ing a champion of tennis and human rights, was buried Wednesday as thousands of people, ranging from heads of government and sports to admirers came from around the world for the funeral. Ashe, 49, the first black man to win Wimhledon and the U.S. Open, died Saturday of complications related

The Associated Press
SHIZUKUISHI, Japan — No

The spill was a shocking repeat of her attempt to defend her championships' slalom title Tuesday, when just 20 seconds into her first run she tripped up on a gate and slid out of the competition.

"I tried to think that because I made such a big mistake yesterday, said. "That turned into more pres-

"It wasn't just that I was un-lucky," she added. "I must also admit that I was not stable mentally." Schneider has won a record 20 giant slaloms, a record-tying 21 sla-World Cup circuit. Only Anne-marie Proell, who dominated women's ski racing in the 1970s, has won more World Cup races. "I suppose I might be in a slump," Schneider said. "But I

Schneider's Fall From Grace

For 2d Day No Finish

woman ski racer has won more World Cup slaloms or giant slaloms than Switzerland's Vreni Schneider.

But in two bitterly disappointing days at the World Alpine Ski Championships, the 28-year-old from the troy village of Elm couldn't even finish a race.

"I can't believe it," Schneider said Wednesday after falling early in her first giant slalom run down the Mount Kotakakura course. It wasn't such a difficult course, but I failed again," she said.

lows and one combined title on the

want to forget this as soon as possible and look ahead. Of course, I will try to win in Lillehammer" a the 1994 Olympics.



Carole Merie added the world championship to her World Cup title. championships. Teammate Lasse

Aamodt, Merle **Grand Winners In Giant Slaloms**

SHIZUKUISHI, Japan — Kjetil

Andre Aamodt of Norway became a double medalist Wednesday at the World Alpine Ski Championships hy winning the men's giant sialom before Carole Merle of France flew to victory in the women's giant slalom.

Aamodt, forced to wait a day for his gold medal when Tuesday's sec-ond run was postponed by high winds, blew away the field and Merle was as dominant later in the

Austria's love connection struck silver in each race, with Rainer Salzgeber finishing .87 seconds back of Aamodt and his girlfriend. Anita Wachter, placing .40 behind Merle. It was the second medal of the meet for Wachter, the combined bronze medalist. Aamodt, 21, who had woo a sil-

ver in the combined, completed two runs in 2 minutes, 15.36 sec-

"It was a bit worse than having it on the same day because I was in the lead, but I knew I was capable of having just as good a run today, as yesterday," Aamodt said. The delay didn't matter a bit, as

it turned out. Aamodt beat Salzgeber hy almost a second and left Sweden's Johan Wallner 1.91 seconds behind in third.

Merle led Wachter by .48 sec-

onds after the first run on Wednesday and gave up only .08 in the afternoon despite a terrific chal-

lenge by the Austrian.

The Frenchwoman's combined time was 2:17.59 to Wachter's 2:17.99, with Martina Ertl of Germany retaining her third place from the morning with a two-run clocking of 2:18.70. Aamodt took cootrol of the men's race on Tuesday when he

scorched the first run in 1:07.69. Only Salzgeber's opening run of 1:08.14 was within 1½ seconds of the Norwegian star. On Wednesday, Aamodt was again the class of the field with a final run of 1:07.67 through the 50

gates that dotted the Mount Kotakakura track. "I skied pretty safe," he said. "] was attacking in the easy parts and not 100 percent in the difficult

parts. But it was a good run and it was enough to win the race." The biggest move up the stand-ings was made by Switzerland's Urs Kälin, whose third-best time of

had runs of 1:08.09. Aamodt's victory continued an impressive three-year run in major championships. He won a silver medal in the super-giant slalom in the 1991 world championships at Szalbach, Austria, then added the super-G gold and a grant slalom bronze in the 1992 Winter Olympics at Albertville, France

"To win the world championship is just as hard as the Olympics," he said. "It was pretty hard pressure." He helped keep Norway at the forefroot of these weather-ravaged

Kjus beat Aamodt for the com-bined gold medal on Monday. Switzerland's Hans Pieren, whose run of 1:07.49 was fastest of the session, rounded out the top five in 2:17.75. Austria's Hubert Strolz was sixth in 2:18.16 and the four-time World Cup overall cham-

its third top-10 finisher when Hans Pieren placed eighth in 2:18.22. Also dropping back was Germany's Markus Wasmeier, who was fourth, only 27 seconds behind Wallner, on Tuesday. He slumped to ninth in 2:18.26, almost a second

behind the third-place finisher. The race was ruo without Alberto Tomba of Italy, the Olympie giant statem champion who missed Tuesday's opening run with the flu-He was reported improved oo Wednesday after two days of bed rest and treatment and was talking of skiing in the slalom if i) remains the final event of the championships, on Sunday.

But the men's slalom was penciled in as a replacement race on Thursday if the scheduled event, the men's downhill, had to be postponed again. Tomba had indicated he wouldn't race if the slalom is held Thursday, Also on the schedule Thursday is

e women's downhill.

"l am very sorry he didn't ski," Aamodt said of Tomba, "It would have been a very good thing if he had been here to compete. It's a little hit strange without him.

"But, yes, I would win the race," Wallner also appeared certain on

"Maybe second place was in sight for me but there is no way that could win today's race," the Swede said, "Kjetil Andre Aamodt is simply too strong and we have to do a lot of training to catch up with

Bright sun and a gentle breeze gave desperate race organizers the opportunity to squeeze in a lot of racing after days of inclement

The men downhillers, who hadn't been on their race course since last Friday's combined down-hill, had a training session.

The second run in the women's race was wide open, playing into the hands of skiers who excel in supergiant slalom, the speedier cousin of the giant slalom. And there's oo one in the world better at super-G than to fourth, .36 shy of Wallner in Merie, who has won the World Cup third. Salzgeber and Wallner each title in that discipline the last four years. While other racers strained to maintain position during the many high-speed turns, Merle was in control all the way down the nearly mile-long course.

> "It's hard for me to realize I actually won," Merle said. "I made some mistakes on the first run but I was still in the lead, and that helped build

my confidence for the second run." Wachter said being at the championships with Salzgeber "has real-ly helped me psychologically and to relax. This is the best day of our

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ITALIAN CUD

Girardelli Pulls Out of Downhill Race

Reuters has happened here in the past few days." pulled out of the downhill competi-Marc Girardelli, who is seeking a tion late Wednesday, while the for-mer Olympic downhill champion, record fifth overall World Cup title this season, had called the downhill course a "catastrophe" even before Leonhard Stock, withdrew from he arrived in Japan, arguing that it was oot steep or challenging the championships because of medicine he had taken for an allergy.

bourg, announced his decision soon. after taking part in an official prac-tice on Mount Takakura's icy piste. "We took part in training only to test the skis. But we see no reason to take any risks and race," said Helmut Girardelli, who acts as his

son's coach. "It's not an acceptable course for the world championships," the senior Girardelli said. "This downhill does not live up to the image of a ton Alpine ski race,"

In a general swipe at the championships, he added: "Skiing will

enough for a true downhill race. Girardelli, the Austrian-born all-Ironically, there were injuries rounder who races for Luxemduring practice and organizers introduced an artificial turn to slow

skiers ahead of one of the bumps. "This course is a combination

The Olympic downhill champion, Patrick Ortlieb of Austria, who had the 13th-fastest time in Wedoesday's practice, was more charitable. "It was great - if you ski in the

Austrian officials said Stock. winner of the 1980 Olympie gold at Lake Placid, New York, and a favorite in the downhill here despite his 34 years of age, had been prescribed medicine on the banned list that barred him from competing. Stock, winner of a World Cup

1:36.85, for 20th position in prac-

downhill earlier this season at Val event made up of cross-country and jumpiog," said Helmut Girar-Gardena, Italy, arrived two days late at the world championships after going down with influenza on top of a skiing injury. This would have been his last chance to win a medal: Stock, who

has been racing since 1977, had already announced his retirement at the end of the season, to run the tracks you will get a good time, but outside the tracks you're slow," he Zillertal. Weather permitting — and the

Heinzer of Switzerland, said that men's and women's downhills my skis felt like glue. This isn't a downhill any more." He clocked a week of postponements.

But if the notoriously changeable weather closed in again, the men's slalom and women's super-giant slalom would be raced instead, with the downhillers again put on

If the weather does keep the downhillers from fighting it out by the end of this week, Norway's Atle Skaardal suggested that the Inter-national Ski Federation should nominate a resort io the World Cup program later in the year and schedule an extra downhill race

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The Legal Scrub

WASHINGTON — 1 have ever found out about it, I wouldn't be able to live it down." male lawyer in a Washington cafe-

Her name is Maria Tantamount. and last week she was extremely

And it wasn't because there were chicken dumplings on the menu.
"I think that I'm on the short list for a very important job in the

Clinton administration," she whispered. "How important?" I asked.

"It's so important that only a woman is qualified for it. Hillary told Bill that if a lady doesn't get the position, she's

moving out of the White House." "What makes you think that voure a contender?" I wanted to

Buchwald

Because I am the only woman in Washington who has never hired an illegal nanny."

"That's hard to believe," I said. "How come?

"I don't have any children." "They're going to have to come to you. I don't imagine that you want to tell me what the job is."
"I can't because the FBt is still grilling my parents under a hot light."

A few days later I saw Maria and she was glum.
"What happened?"

"They found out that I signed up for belly-dancing lessons when I was in college."

"That's not a big deal. I know half a dozen women lawyers who did the same thing.

She was practically in tears, "They said that I had done nothing illegal, but if 'Saturday Night Live'

Berlin Films: Balkans War

BERLIN - The war in former Yugoslavia will play a major role at the Berlin Film Festival, which opens on Thursday, Fifteen European and Jour U.S. films are up for Golden or Silver Bear awards in the competitive field of 25 world or international premieres.

asked.

I was inclined to agree with her, but I said, "Hang tough. Your defense is that you never danced for

She looked at me in a funny sort of way and didn't say anything. After that I kept on scouring the newspapers, boping to see Maria's name, but it was never there. The next time I saw her we shared meatloaf and gravy, which was the plate of the day. "Anything I should know?" I

"I'm falling off the short list. ! don't have any anti-trust experience, and most of my practice has been defending defense contractors who cheated the government. They're afraid that I might have to recuse myself from 25 percent of the cases now pending before the Justice Department.

"That's not a lot if you can get convictions in the remaining 15

"They also found out that my mother worked as a housekeeper to wealthy South American family Baltimore." What's wrong with that?"

"Not one member of the family had a green card. Everyone, including the great-grandmother, was an

"They shouldn't hold that

"I'm thinking of withdrawing my

"You can't do that," I warned, "If you bow out now, everyone will assume that you did something terribly wrong and you'll have to live with it for the rest of your life."

The last lunch Maria and I had was on Friday, and we ate chipped beef on toast

"I didn't get the job," she said, hardly touching her food, "They gave it to a male lawyer who used to work as a topless waiter in a women's singles bar, and who never paid Social Security taxes for his maid. Apparently when it comes to political appointments women are judged by a higher standard." "You got a dirty deal," I told her.

"It's worse than that. Each time I walk into a room everyone asks me to belly dance.

True Life: The Best-Seller From Nowhere

Washington Post Service

EDAR FALLS, lows - In the summer of 1990, Robert James Waller — then a 50-year-old economics professor and sometime folk musician — was on his way home to Cedar Falls after a day of photographing the old covered bridges of Madison County, southwest of Des

Driving through the heat, Waller says he began to hear a line from a song he'd been working on recently, "an old bossa nova tune" about a woman named Francesca. He got to wondering about her. What if Francesca lived in lowa? And what if she met a man, a man named — Robert? Robert Kincaid. Back home, Waller began to write his first novel, which would become, by early this year, the best-selling work of fiction in the United States. He says he didn't stop writing, except to eat and sleep, for 14 days. "I never wanted it to end."

The book is a spare but emotional short novel, "The Bridges of Madison County," about a 45-year-old Iowa farm wife and her four-day affair with a 52-year-old photographer from National Geographic. Despite their hrief time together, Francesca and Robert fall into a transcendent, slow-moving spiral of courtship, love and mutual seduction. Then they part, never to see each other

With help from friends, Waller secured an agent in New York. "The Bridges of Madison County" was sold to Warner Books, and the film rights were optioned to Steven Spielberg. An initial printing of 29,000 copies arrived in bookstores last April

At first the book sold slowly. But then smaller, independent booksellers across the country fell in love with it and began urging their customers to buy it. As spring gave way to summer. "The Bridges of Madison County" was turning into one of the most successful word-of-mouth books ever published. The Washington Post lamented the book's "triteness," the Los Angeles Times likened Waller's story to "Coke that's been opened a while ago: sweet but flat." A more typical reaction was that of the Orlando Sentinel, who called the book "as perfect as a tear." In August, "The Bridges of Madison County" made

The New York Times best-seller list, where it has since remained. For the past two Sundays it's been No. I, having sold some 420,000 copies after 19 printings.

If Spielberg were casting the movie today, he'd find the prototype for Robert Kincaid in the soft-spoken man who

answers the door at a modest A-frame in a secluded neighborhood. Robert James Waller is 53. He stands 6 feet and is arrestingly thin but fit-looking. He is a vegetarian who smokes cigarettes and also jogs. He is partial to jeans and cowboy boots. "I come back into fashion about every five years," he says.

Waller has a sturdy ego. He says he based Robert Kincaid on himself, and Francesca, to a lesser extent, on his wife, Georgia Ann, a striking, dark-haired woman to whom he has been married for 31 years.

The story is told mainly from Francesca's point of view. In various places in the story Robert is called a gazelle, a leopard and "a star creature who had drafted in on the tail of a comet." He makes love like a wild animal, except he takes his time. Robert believes he's the end of an evolutionary chain that began in the Stone Age and is now winding down in Francesca's upstairs bedroom. As they make love, Robert says to Prancesca, "I am the highway and a peregrine and all the sails that ever went to sea."



Robert James Waller is a publisher's dream: He has two more novels completed.

But for all its gibberish about ancient evenings and faraway places, the book is vividly romantic. It's racy in a deft manner — explicit without being graphic. If he is not the best of writers, Waller is nonetheless an amazing storyteller, skillful in the ways that tend to matter most to readers. The book moves ahead relentlessly, but the speed

is deliberate and the movements are graceful.

It all started, in a way, back in 1985, when Waller was dean of the business school at the University of Northern Iowa. He felt overworked and worned about some investments in which he was sure he was being swindled, and he suffered a "fatigue-stress" attack. He had to quit his job. "It gives you all the symptoms of a heart attack except without the pain," he says. For the next six years or so, he says he just drifted, writing essays for the Des Moines Register, playing music, taking photographs and teaching

Waller is a publisher's dream. With one book at the top of the best-seller list, he has two more completed. "Slow Waltz in Cedar Bend," another romance, will be published in the fall. "I think Warner wanted 'Robert and Francesca II." be says. After that Waller hopes to bring out "Puerto Vallarta Squeeze," a thriller that's not only different in content but very different stylistically - filled with stream-of-consciousness narration and hard-boiled dia-

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logue. Waller says he rarely bogs down when writing.
The success of "The Bridges of Madison County" has
given the Wallers a financial freedom they scarcely envisioned just a year ago, when they tapped their retirement
account for \$100,000 so Robert could continue writing. "! suppose we could travel," says Waller, considering some of their favorite places. "We could go to Paris. Or somewhere warm - Georgia bates winter. We could go to India for six months"

Waller bristles at the charge of excessive sentimentality that has been the principal criticism of the book. "Sure there's a line you can cross," he says. "I plead guilty to falling on the wrong side of it at times. There are some things in the book that make me cringe a bit. I mean, some of it is way out there. I do get sentimental. But why is that an indictment? I am a sentimentalist, and I take a beating for it, especially from academics. Of course, I have no faith in academics, having been one myself for 25 years."

Maybe when the fuss dies down, Waller will find

himself alone again and back in the place he started, no matter where he happens to be. He conveys a sense of being a man still on intimate terms with the boy he was. It's cold and empty out here right now, and Waller is working on the next installment of his own romantic education, one arriving in bookstores everywhere soon.

PEOPLE

Just-Plain Mick Jagger Shows Off New Album

"I hear no one paid to get in tonight!" Mick Jagger should to an invitation-only crowd at Web-ster Hall in New York's East VI lage. "But you can still have a good time!" The gig marked the release of his new solo album, "Wandering Spirit," and was televised to clubs. in Atlanta Chicago, Los Angeles and Toronto. Jagger and his fire men band (not the Rolling Stone performed 11 of the album's 14 songs. The Stones, minus Ba W. man, are to begin recording the 27th album next month.

"Diana - Her True Story," new television film about Prince Charles and Princess Diana's in happy marriage, got panned in London, and the tabs threw in little America-bashing, too. "The whole soppy saga is clearly aimed at American audiences. It's shallow as a toddler's play-pool, television critic Gary Bushell wrote in The Sum. The Daily Express said the film was "spattered with inaccura-cies." The film airs next week in

Not so fast, Los Angeles, I you're still paying attention, you'll be tickled to know that David Let terman is now leaning toward keep ing his late-night television showing Manhattan if a few problems are resolved, CBS says. Nothing could make Mayor David Dinkins happier: "If Mr. Letterman wants me to do backflips on my eyebrows, filtry that. Absolutely."

Senators Richard Lugar, of Indiana. and Harry Reid, of Nevadahave filed a bill to get Red Skehna a Congressional Gold Medal.

0 . In Los Angeles, Nastassja Kinski and Quincy Jones announced the birth of Kenya Julia Miambi Sarah

Régis Wargnier's "Indochine" topped the nominations for France's Cesar awards, followed by Claude Sautet's "Un Coeur en Hiver."

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WEATHER

Forecast for Friday through Sunday North America A major storm will oring snow, pethaps heavy, lo Defroit and Toronto Friday. Heavy rain or show will sell in New York City Friday into Saturday along win strong winds. The storm also will bring scaleng rains to Washington, D.C., and pethaps a bizzard is Boston. bypass Europe Friday Info-the corning weekend. How-ever, low clouds, tog and higher-than-usual air pollu-tron levels will plague cibes Irom Pairs to Berlin and Prague. No new air masses the tomeon unit early next

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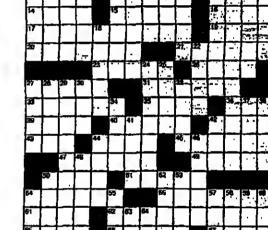
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PAST IMPERFECT: French intellectuals, 1944

By Tony Judi. 348 pages, \$30. University of California Press. Reviewed by James Miller

THE life of the mind in Paris has long been the envy of writ-ers and academies from Berkeley to Buenos Aires. To this day, France functions as the fashion capital of the cultural world, the place to look for the latest intellectual vogue, from edistentialism and structuralism to post-modernism and, now, ne~liberalism.

in Paris, so it has seemed from afar, the novel is more stylish, the social criticism sharper, the philosophy sexier. Even better, everyone urges anyone fascinated by French pays attention: As Jane Kramer intellectuals to Just Say No. Fancy nal Richelieu's chandelier.

Anglo-American in matters intelleca fascination with fancy thoughts, it tellectual life, is relentlessly critical of them. A paragon of soher academic scholarof flamboyant prose, bold generalthat mark Judt as a characteristical-

ly "French" type of scholar.

once remarked, the French "warm thoughts he depicts as an unwholeto a lancy thought as if it were some Gallic addiction. Though its d'Artagnan swinging from Cardi- implications are broad, the actual focus of "Past Imperfect" is com-Tony Judt's new book is, in its paratively narrow. With erudition own way, torn between two cultures. and a marvelously readable brand its author uncertain whether or not of critical acumen, Judt, a profesreact like a Frenchman or an sor of European Studies at New tual. Although its every page betrays mediate postwar era in French in-

Judt thoroughly discredits this nostalgic image. As he demonstrates ship in the best Anglo-American tra- in damning detail. "Sartre never dition, it is also filled with the kind spoke out against Soviet anti-Semitism or in defense of the victims of izations and unforgiving judgments show trials, not was he ever held to account by his followers and heirs for this, any more than for his more There is some irony here. In his egregiously silly pronouncements book's rather dour conclusion, he from the early '50s." And Sartre was

ate postwar years, French Catholic rather than systematically develintellectuals, too, fell silent about oped - in true French fashion, Soviet injustice, while heaping criti-cism upon their own society. "The an essentially Anglo-American of the intellectual Left, writes Judy, sizes human rights and civil liberdeprived itself of any tool for genuties. One gets the distinct sense that ine social criticism, any device with no other political credo, in his view, which to discriminate between the could possibly allow a person "to bad, the worse, and the evil."

There is no gainsaying the gist of Judt's main argument, which is elegantly developed, as is his accompanying explanation for the "treason of the postwar French is ostensibly recommending intellectuals. Still, as Judt puts it, nothing is easier today than to dismiss the experience of postwar French intellectuals, buried under a heap of hindsight, piled high with moral indignation." Meanwhile, Judi's own moral ington Post.

not alone. Throughout the immedibeliefs are episodically asserted, dest and immoderate language view of liberalism, one that emphathink seriously about public ethics." The result is somewhat paradoxical, since the crusading intolerance of Judt's tone ill sorts with the modest brand of liberalism that he

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F one wants to find the country with the highest percentage of top-class bridge players relative to the size of the population, one should look in the North Atlantic. lceland's long winter nights, comhined with a cold climate, make indoor games very popular. Six months ago an Icelandie squad won the Nordic teams in Umea, Sweden, in a field that included worldclass squads from Sweden and Denmark.

Two of the winners, Karl Sigurhjartarson and Saever Thorbjornsson, sat East and West on the diagramed deal and won an award for the best playing performance. Their Danish opponents climbed 10 four spades and West, who had contributed a weak jump in hearts. led his singleton club.

South played low from the dummy, and captured East's seven with

the jack. He led to the heart ace and played a trump. East won with the sant over South's O-10. ng and resisted the temptation to give his partner a club ruff. That would have permitted South to lead another trump at his next opportunity and make his game. Instead East led a diamond and South took his ace and king and 4 J 65 played a third round, leaving mat- V K Q 7 6 4 3 2

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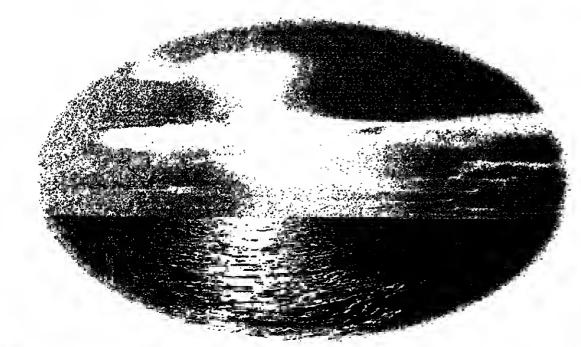
ters in the balance. West discarded a heart and South ruffed in the dummy and returned to his hand with a heart ruff. When South now led his last diamond, West had two winning plays. He chose to discard a heart, and South, with only two trumps left in his hand, was in a hopeless

my. He tried a club to his king, and

West ruffed. He led a heart for his

partner to ruff, and a cloh was returned. Wet's singleton spade jack took the setting trick en par-

position after ruffing in the dum-



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